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# POB authorization goes to Inos

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos is poised to sign into law a House bill that the Senate passed yesterday, authorizing the Commonwealth Development Authority to issue pension obligation bonds of "up to \$300 million" to pay for the government's obligations to the NMI Retirement Fund.

However, the amount that can be floated may only be initially \$100 million or less, depending on a number of factors that include repayment ability and the CNMI's credit rating.

» **Senate amends tax amnesty bill, goes back to House**  
» **As Hocog gives message to some long-term investors in CNMI**

By a vote of 8-0, the Senate passed House Bill 18-50, House Draft 1, but not after Senate Vice President Victor Hocog (R-Rota) voiced his concern about repayment should a bond be floated.

"While I support the intent of this bill, I have a concern. Where will the funding come from to repay it?" said Hocog. Only Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), currently in jail, was absent.

The Senate, at the same time, passed with one amendment a House bill that provides tax amnesty up to Jan. 1, 2014.

Senators also passed two other bills and at least four resolutions, including one honoring former senator Luis P. Crisostimo Jr., who passed away on June 15 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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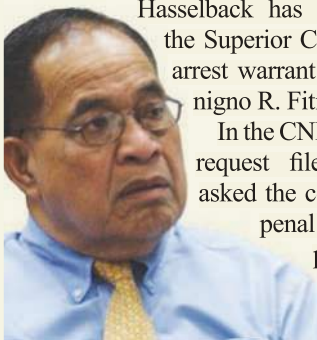
## Arrest warrant for Fitial pushed

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REPORTER

Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George L. Hasselback has renewed his request for the Superior Court to reissue a previous arrest warrant for former governor Benigno R. Fitial.

In the CNMI government's renewed request filed Monday, Hasselback asked the court to quash the existing penal summons and reissue the previously signed arrest warrant so that the pro-

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## Public schools assured of no power cut

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Despite its huge arrears, the Public School System has been assured that its schools will not be disconnected from the power and water grid, despite a disconnection letter from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

CUC chief financial officer Charles Warren disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that the supposed disconnection for public schools—scheduled to take effect on June 22—will no longer take place after a recent meeting with Gov.

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» **PSS to pay commercial rate in 2014; govt to absorb difference**

MONETH G. DEPOSA  
Education Commissioner Rita Sablan, Ed.D., right, speaks with EEOC officer Charlie Kenty, seated center, and PSS financial consultant Ed Tenorio, seated right, during a break in the Board of Education meeting Thursday last week at the board's conference room in Susupe. PSS has been assured by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. that power and water to public schools will not be cut.



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# Local

## Senate confirms DCCA secretary, medical board member

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The Senate confirmed yesterday Gov. Eloy S. Inos' nominations of Laura T. Ogumoro as Department of Community and Cultural Affairs secretary and Dr. Marty Rohringer to serve as a member of the Health Care Profession Licensing Board.

Senators adopted by a vote of 8-0 each two separate reports by the Senate Committee on Ex-

ecutive Appointments and Government Investigations, recommending the two nominees' nominations. The reports were prepared by the EAGI Committee chaired by Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian).

Ogumoro has been holding the post of DCCA secretary in an acting capacity since March 18. She replaced Melvin L.O. Faisao, whose courtesy resignation was accepted by the governor in March.

Ogumoro was previously administrator of DCCA's Division of Youth Services. She holds a bachelor's degree from the Eastern Oregon University and was a social worker for DYS from 1989 to 1992 and from 1995-1997. She then moved up to supervisor of the DYS Child Protection Unit from 1997 to 2011, when she was again elevated to administrator of DYS.

Senators also confirmed the nomination of Rohringer, who

will represent physicians on the Health Care Profession Licensing Board. He fills a seat vacated by Dr. Leticia P. Borja and which will expire on April 26, 2016.

### DPL secretary nominee

The Senate EAGI Committee, meanwhile, has yet to recommend confirmation or rejection of the governor's nomination of Pete A. Tenorio as Department of Public Lands secretary.

Cruz said yesterday that members "still have some concerns regarding lease issues."

He said it is possible that the

committee will submit its recommendation once these concerns are satisfied.

"I will include it in the next session next week," he added.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said the land lease and land compensation-related documents that sena-

tors requested from DPL were received only on Tuesday, the eve of the session, and members needed time to review the submission.

Torres, however, also said that the DPL secretary nomination is expected to be acted on at the next session.

## Judge seeks names of nominees for potential Fund receiver post

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U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood has ordered the parties in Betty Johnson's class action lawsuit to submit three names of potential receivers for the NMI Retirement Fund.

Tydingco-Gatewood issued the order Tuesday in preparation for a hearing on the receivership issue in case the parties in Johnson's lawsuit fail to reach a settlement.

The judge directed the parties to include in their submission the curricula vitae of potential receivers.

"The parties shall ensure that each proposed receiver nominated (1) agrees to be considered for such appointment, and (2) if appointed, is capable of and prepared to immediately perform duties on behalf of the

Fund," she said.

Tydingco-Gatewood said each party's list of proposed receivers shall be filed no later than July 8, 2013.

Johnson filed the motion in September 2012 to appoint a receiver to oversee the Fund.

If the parties do not reach a settlement, Tydingco-Gatewood said she is scheduled to hear arguments on the receiver matter on Aug. 5, 2013.

Tydingco-Gatewood issued a similar order in December 2012, asking for the names of possible receivers.

The parties, however, either submitted the name of one individual only or nominated no individual.

Johnson is suing the CNMI government and the Fund. She and the parties in the lawsuit are now in settlement talks before Hawaii bankruptcy chief judge Robert Faris.

## Saipan mayor seeks a share of DPW funds from CIP projects

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Saipan Mayor Donald Flores wants some funding allocated to the municipality for assuming the responsibility of maintaining some projects built and funded by local capital improvement project monies.

Flores made this sentiment known to members of the local legislative delegation, which is now deliberating on a bill that seeks to appropriate to the Department of Public Works' Division of Technical Services 5 percent of the cost of Saipal local projects that are financed by CIP funds. The division intends to use the money to pay for its

administrative costs, which amount to \$5,000 or more.

"We do not object to the intent of the bill. In fact, we believe the 5 percent administrative cost that TSD will be receiving from CIP-funded projects will effectively lower TSD's expenditures from its general fund appropriation budget," according to the mayor.

But since his office often end up with the responsibility of maintaining some CIP-funded projects such as roadways, clearing of vegetation, pruning of planted trees as part of roadway improvements, and removing debris from drainage, among others, Flores believes that his office deserves to be

given a small percentage of the same source of funds.

"The local delegation should consider allocating at least small percentage of the total percentage TSD will or actually receives from CIP-funded projects to our office," said Flores.

He said any amount will help them return to the days of interrupted delivery of services to the public. The mayor wants to use this funds, if provided, for fuel and lubricants, and spare parts for heavy equipment.

Besides the proposed 5 percent for TSD, it was disclosed that the division is already receiving 10 percent of the cost of CIP funded projects. If House Local Bill 18-15 is

passed, TSD will be receiving a total of 15 percent from the same source of funding and for the same work of handling CIP-funded projects.

According to Flores, the mayor's office and DPW have developed a mutual cooperative.

"We've got each other's back. Projects of DPW that we can perform get done without any cost to DPW, and the same for our projects. The reciprocity of cooperation benefits both DPW and our office, and the winners at the end of the day is the public. But even with this mutual cooperative, we still need funds to cover for our expenses for fuel, lubricants, and repair," added the mayor.



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## Outgoing Rotary president proud of his achievements

Outgoing president Oliver "Pete" W. Shilling said he is leaving the top post of the Rotary Club of Saipan proud of the several accomplishments the organization achieved during the past year.

He is most proud of four projects during his tenure as club president: the dictionary project, book donations to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the renovation of the American Memorial Park playground, and upcoming certification of Saipan's first-ever Interact Club.

Shilling said the club was able to give dictionaries to every third grader in the CNMI through the coordination of Vocational Service director Kelley Butcher.

The Saipan Rotary Club, meanwhile, with the help of the Rotary Club of Kishiwada North (Kishiwada, Osaka, Japan) delivered a large number of books about Japan to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. The delivery was coordinated by Ken Kato.

The civic group was also able to resurrect the much-beloved playground at the AMP, which has suffered through the elements and seen better days the past several years. He thanked Rotary members Dennis Yoshimoto and Laurie Peterka for that effort.

Shilling also said that chartering the first Interact Club on Saipan is close to happening, thanks to the work being done by Jeff Boyer, who is the director of New Generation Service.

Shilling, who served as presi-

dent from July 1, 2012, to July 1, 2013, will be replaced by president-elect Laila Boyer.

Shilling served as club president with Boyer as vice president, Richard Coty as secretary, Nhing Reyes as treasurer, Curtis Dancoe as Community Service director, Reina Camacho as Club Service director, Butcher as Vocational Service director, Jeff Boyer as New Generation Service director, Pete Igitol as International Service director, Glen Perez as Pau Harris Foundation official, and Wayne Gillespie as sergeant at arms.

Aside from Shilling stepping down and Boyer assuming the presidency, the only change in the incoming set of officers of the group is Ivan Ilmov taking over as director of New Generation Service.

Shilling said he looks forward to being involved with the Paul Harris Foundation.

"It will be my pleasure to become responsible for our club's involvement with the Paul Harris Foundation. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary in Chicago in 1905. The Foundation is the principal avenue for Rotarians worldwide to support Rotary International's global projects such as Polio Plus, which has been at work for over a decade to eradicate polio throughout the world," he said.

The Rotary Club of Saipan's installation dinner will be held this Friday, June 21, 6pm-9:30pm at the Caladium Hall of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort & Spa. (Saipan Tribune)

## Inos OKs changes to \$1M reprogramming for Tinian

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With yet another message of "caution" to the Legislature, Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law on Tuesday a bill adding the purchase of equipment and other items to the original list of those that will be funded under a previous law reprogramming \$1 million for Tinian. The original law was meant to use \$1 million to renovate and repair abandoned and dilapidated government buildings on Tinian.

"While I approve this measure, I caution the Legislature that this measure must be implemented in strict accordance with 1 CMC 7103. The language as written is broad and may hinder expeditious completion of required projects under this Act," the governor said in his message to House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan) and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan).

Inos signed Rep. Trenton Conner's (Ind-Tinian) House Bill 18-17 into Public Law 18-11.

Conner's bill seeks to amend Section 2 of Public Law 17-8, to include necessary changes to

finalize projects associated with the original intent of reprogramming \$1 million as appropriated under Section 2(b) of PL 13-56.

To finalize the renovation and repair projects, Tinian has to buy equipment.

However, the bill does not specify what specific types of equipment will be purchased, for example.

The new law sets aside \$1 million from PL 13-56 for the renovations and repairs of dilapidated and abandoned municipal buildings on Tinian, "along with the Tinian Liaison office/medical referral units and egress parking lot pavement, the Tinian Health Center needs, and other associated needs and repairs to include the purchasing of equipment necessary to complete all projects within the Second Senatorial District."

The governor earlier also cautioned lawmakers against using the phrase "various projects" when referring to recipients of appropriation laws or local laws. He would have wanted lawmakers to specify these projects to ensure better accountability of public funds.

## YEARS AFTER FORMER GOVERNOR CANCELLED PROJECT

# Project to build permanent public market revived

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The Department of Public Lands will turn over today to the Department of Lands and Natural Resources some 14,000

square meters of land at the Garapan Fishing Base for the development and management of a permanent public market complex, seven years after former governor Benigno R. Fitial cancelled the project.

Fitial offered the project site to an Ohio-based investor that sought to build a floating hotel on Saipan. The project did not

materialize.

DLNR Secretary Arnold Palacios confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that DPL will be turning over or assigning a grant of public domain to DLNR during an 11am ceremony today.

Palacios said the size of public land covered in this project is some 14,000 square meters.

"A permanent site for a public market complex has been a long time dream for farmers, fishermen, craftsmen and other members of the community," Palacios said in a phone interview.

The public market complex,

he said, will be a venue for fishermen to bring their fresh catch, for farmers to bring their fresh produce, for craftsmen to bring their creation, and other tradesmen, and where local or tourist consumers can go to buy these products.

Acting DPL secretary Pete A. Tenorio separately said yesterday that the transfer of property to DLNR is for a public market project.

Palacios said the public market complex covers the south portion of the Garapan Fishing Base, including the existing building that he said will be redeveloped.



Palacios

The DLNR secretary pointed out that the Tuesday public market and the Thursday street market will continue to be held at the Garapan Fishing Base.

He said more information about the project will be made available in today's ceremony.

The Garapan Fishing Base is a historic site, having served as Saipan's commercial port before World War II. Today, the base is used as a boating ramp, parking area by fishermen who go fishing every weekend, Tuesday and Thursday street markets, and other festivities.

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# Jury deliberations begin in trial of robbery suspect

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The prosecution and the defense counsel rested their case yesterday in the ongoing Superior Court jury trial of Maximo S.N. Muña, who is accused of rob-

bing a poker arcade of J's Restaurant in Gualo Rai.

Assistant attorneys general James McAllister and Chemere McField rested their case in the afternoon after calling their 10<sup>th</sup> witness.

Assistant public defender Mat-

thew Meyers called to the witness stand only one person, Juan Tenorio, who owns J's Restaurant. Meyers then rested their case.

Meyers moved for acquittal but Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo denied it.

Jury deliberations began in

the afternoon and it is expected to continue today, Thursday.

The J's Restaurant waiter who testified for the government on Tuesday completed his testimony yesterday morning.

On cross examination by Meyers, the waiter reiterated his

previous statement that he earlier told his boss, Tenorio, that someone wants to rob the place.

The waiter stated that he, however, could not remember whether he told Tenorio or not that it was Muña who planned to rob the place.

The waiter said that prior to the Oct. 4, 2012 robbery, he was chatting with Muña and the latter's companion, Joseph Palacios, inside the poker arcade of J's Restaurant.

The witness said that Muña asked to help him rob the place.

## Designated smoking, drinking areas at LibDay grounds

The Liberation Day committee will designate smoking and drinking areas on festival grounds during the weeklong celebration that will start on June 28 at the Civic Center in Susupe.

For the sake of non-smokers and non-drinkers, committee chair and president Vicente Camacho said they will have a particular area away from the general festival grounds where smoking and drinking will be allowed.

He reiterated that unlike last year when the Liberation Day festivities were declared a

smoke- and alcohol-free event, this year's celebrations will provide that option to whoever wishes to join the festivities.

Camacho said this is all in line with this year's theme "The Spirit of Cooperation: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Of course, he said, the committee will continue to adhere to and respect local laws and regulations pertaining to the use of cigarettes and enjoyment of libations.

Meanwhile, Camacho said the committee will make this

year's Liberation Day as exciting and memorable as the past years' and asked the community to support their Liberation Day Queen competition by buying tickets from the candidates.

The five candidates vying for this year's crown are Annalyn Jovannah Cabrera, Rea-Lei L. Iskawa, Melody Margaret Johnson, Sina Ha'ani Ulloa Palacios, and Nicole Ichihara Sablan.

While the slate of participants in this year parade and float competition is not ready yet, Camacho expects to receive the

final list by the end of the week.

He also confirmed that for safety reasons, there will again be no fireworks this year. It will be recalled that 13 persons were injured when fireworks set off during the 2007 Liberation Day kickoff went haywire with some pyrotechnics hitting the crowd.

The Liberation Day festivities usually get funding from local appropriation but this was stopped in 2010 due to scarce government resources.

Saipan will be celebrating the 68th anniversary of freedom beginning in 1945 when World War II ended. *(Saipan Tribune)*

## POB

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Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said the administration has long embraced the idea of floating a pension obligation bond in an effort to infuse funds into the Fund.

"The administration is actively engaged in discussions with CDA to determine the financial ability of the government and a reasonable amount that the CNMI should float. With the passage of the bill, the administration will be finalizing its plans in terms of moving forward with a POB," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Senate's passage of Rep. John Paul Sablan's (Cov-Saipan) POB bill comes seven months after voters approved in the Nov. 6 elections a legislative initiative amending Article 10 of the NMI Constitution to allow the issuance of a pension obligation bond.

With a major infusion of cash, the Fund's lifespan may be stretched beyond the initial estimate of March 2014.

If CDA is able to float a bond, whether \$50 million or \$100 million initially, for example, that would all be remitted to the Fund.

The bill says the bond authorization "serves a public purpose and does not create an additional liability" on the CNMI's part. It would only substitute a bond obligation for a judgment obligation.

Under the bill headed to the governor, CDA—on behalf of the CNMI—is authorized to issue, in one or more series, "at one time or from time to time" up to \$300 million worth of general obligation bonds of the Commonwealth to fund the government's liability to the Fund.

### Tax amnesty bill

Senators also passed with

amendment Rep. Tony Sablan's (IR-Saipan) House Bill 18-28, House Draft 1, which provides a tax amnesty up to Jan. 1, 2014.

The bill now goes back to the House for action.

House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) said yesterday the next House session may be held next week.

If the House rejects the Senate amendment, both houses may go into a conference.

In yesterday's session, Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) offered an amendment to the bill, to ensure that those taxpayers that already availed of the previous tax amnesty programs under Public Law 12-5 and/or Public Law 14-28 will no longer be eligible to avail of this new program under HB 18-28.

Taimanao said this amendment would safeguard the program from abuses.

Sen. Pete Reyes (IR-Saipan) objected to the amendment, saying those taxpayers that participated in the previous tax amnesty programs and have complied with the previous programs whether partial or in full should be allowed to again avail of the new program.

He said these taxpayers have already come to compliance, and it is not fair to exclude them this time around, while those taxpayers that are just coming forward after not paying taxes as well will only be the ones to benefit.

Senate counsel Joe Bermudes, in responding to a question from Reyes during the session, said it is expected that once a taxpayer was granted tax amnesty, that taxpayer will come into compliance for that particular tax period and future tax payments required.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), for his part, echoed Taimanao's concerns. He hopes it does not become a habit to provide tax amnesty.

When it came to voting on Taimanao's proposed amendment, only Reyes voted "no."

The vote was 7-1.

On the main motion to pass HB 18-28, HD1, Senate Draft 1, the vote was 8-0.

Hocog also describes the bill as a "forgiveness" bill and despite reservations, he voted "yes" to help prevent businesses from closing altogether because of tax liabilities.

The bill's proponents said a tax amnesty program is the "most cost-effective" way for the government to collect tax revenue during difficult economic times and one that is "better than writing off" debts to the government.

If this bill becomes law, this would only be the third time that the CNMI government will provide a tax amnesty. They were done in 2001 and 2005.

Under a tax amnesty program, penalties and interests on unpaid or unreported taxes are waived. However, they still have to pay the original tax liabilities. It allows taxpayers to voluntarily come forward and take action to comply with tax laws.

The tax amnesty under this measure takes effect upon the bill's signing into law and shall remain until Jan. 1, 2014. Sablan's original proposal is to have the amnesty program run until Jan. 1, 2017. A House committee that reviewed the bill recommended that change, which the full House agreed to.

The tax amnesty does not apply to persons against whom a criminal or civil action has been initiated and is pending for any violation of CNMI tax laws or any person being investigated for fraud; any person who has been convicted of tax fraud; any person who source of income is illegal; and any person who fraudulently files a special return under this Act.

Covered under the proposal are all taxes, including withholding taxes and all returns, including deductions, exemptions, and credits erroneously claimed in returns filed for all

tax years prior to calendar year 2013.

These include taxes for wages, salary or earnings; gross revenue tax; room, bar and jackpot tax; excise tax; and income and/or tax pursuant to NMTIT.

### 'Unwarranted businesses' threat

During Senate discussions on the tax amnesty bill yesterday, Hocog made a statement about the sentiments of certain long-term investors with E2-C status expiring on Dec. 31, 2014.

Hocog described as "unwarranted" the statement made by the investors that they will be leaving the CNMI, uprooting their investments in the Commonwealth and moving to Guam or other areas should they not be granted "improved status" similar to those offered for long-term, legal foreign workers under a U.S. Senate immigration reform bill.

The senator said the statement was a "threat," which he said was an "insult."

He added that CNMI officials should not be blamed for the lack of improved status for these long-term foreign workers.

Hocog, moreover, said he hopes these E2-C investors will not be among those availing of the latest tax amnesty program proposed.

A group of long-term foreign businesses with E2-C status, who have collectively invested more than \$20 million and employed at least 1,000 individuals in the CNMI for decades, wants a pathway to, or outright, U.S. citizenship. They questioned why they were not included in the CNMI-specific provision of the U.S. Senate immigration bill that provides a pathway to citizenship to some 11 million undocumented aliens in the United States.

They do not support extending the E2-C program, saying it will only further prolong the uncertainty and instability in the CNMI.

## SCHOOLS

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"At this time, pursuant to the recent meeting held with the governor and PSS, there are no plans to disconnect," Warren said yesterday.

PSS acting finance director George Palican earlier disclosed that the system was issued a disconnection letter due to its unpaid obligations to CUC. As of last week, this notice has not been cancelled or withdrawn by the utilities corporation.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the meeting between PSS and the governor was held on May 23 on Capital Hill.

Warren disclosed that it was agreed upon that PSS—which is currently being assessed the government rates for power and water—will pay lower charges beginning next fiscal year, when its bill will be calculated using commercial rates.

"The governor and PSS agreed that beginning with fiscal year 2014, PSS could pay to CUC the commercial rates and the central government would remit to CUC the difference between the government rates and commercial rates," said Warren.

He said the Executive Branch and PSS will draft a memoran-

dum of understanding to formalize the agreement.

As of April this year, PSS owes CUC \$4.9 million, representing unpaid obligations in fiscal years 2011, 2012, and 2013: some \$4 million in fiscal years 2011 and 2012 and \$900,000 in the first seven months of fiscal year 2013 (October through April).

*Saipan Tribune* learned that PSS pays CUC partially every month and has paid to date \$1.6 million for the fiscal year 2013 obligation.

According to PSS officials, late charges—amounting to \$250,000 in seven months—significantly contributed to the increasing debt with CUC. They want a waiver on these late charges.

Warren said yesterday that PSS' request for a waiver on late charges is not possible at this time.

"There are no plans at this time to waive the late charges. Our regulations require that late charges accrue at the rate of 1 percent per month on all past due balances. There are no exceptions in the regulations for government accounts," said Warren.

However, Warren said that PSS is free to appeal to the Public Utilities Commission for special consideration or a change in the regulations.

## FITIAL

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ecution of the case against the former governor may proceed.

Hasselback said the court has yet to act on the government's May 7 request to re-issue the arrest warrant.

To date there has been no communication from either Fitial or anyone acting on his behalf regarding any plans to return to the CNMI to answer the criminal charges filed against him, said Hasselback.

He said there has been no communication regarding any alternatives to Fitial's return to answer the charges.

"To date, the penal summons remains unserved," Hasselback said.

Hasselback is the designated special prosecutor in the case against the former governor and co-defendants.

OPA has filed seven criminal charges against the former governor for his role in an alleged conspiracy to shield former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham from being served a penal summons in August last year.

On March 7, 2013, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman issued a penal summons that ordered the former chief executive to appear in court at 9am on the first Monday

after receiving the summons to answer the allegations. That summons remain unserved.

"In this instance, an unserved penal summons (as opposed to an arrest warrant) limits the actions that the Commonwealth can take to return Fitial to the CNMI such that the prosecution of the aforementioned case cannot proceed in any way meaningful way," he said.

Hasselback reiterated that the courtesy of issuing the penal summons was premised on the presumption that Fitial would return to the CNMI at once to answer the charges or at least make some arrangement to answer the complaint.

He said Wiseman earlier informed him that he was withdrawing the arrest warrant and will issue instead a penal summons for Fitial's appearance in court out of respect for both the CNMI Office of the Governor and Fitial himself as a former chief executive.

Hasselback said he believes that without such voluntary return, a penal summons would limit the steps that could be taken to secure Fitial's presence in the CNMI to face charges.

It was reported last month that Fitial is currently recuperating from gall bladder surgery at St. Luke's Medical Center-Global City in Metro Manila, Philippines.



# Pipe break in Koblerville interrupts water supply

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Residents and commercial establishments in Koblerville were dismayed yesterday by a daylong water outage that disrupted many planned activities.

Affected community members said that many families in the village were preparing for the graduation and parties of their children. Yesterday was the scheduled commencement exercise for Saipan Southern High School where the bulk of students are residents of Koblerville.

According to CUC acting executive director Alan W. Fletcher, the water outage in Koblerville was announced on June 14. Under the announced water outage schedule, the interruption was slated from 8am through

5pm for June 19 and June 21.

However, the discovery of other items of concern resulted in low pressure in some of affected areas, Fletcher said.

"At 1pm today [Wednesday], CUC discovered a pipe break at the Koblerville Sump, which supplies water to the Koblerville area. CUC operations crew had to shut down the pumping station to effect repairs," he said.

To maintain water service in Koblerville, the wells directly supply water to the distribution system. However, Fletcher said the well pumps are not capable of fully pressurizing the distribution system to the level that the Koblerville Sump pumps provide.

Additionally, Fletcher said, many valves throughout Koblerville are not functioning properly and contribute to low

pressures. Therefore, the higher elevation areas of Koblerville will experience low pressure.

"Fortunately, the water improvement project underway during the past several weeks will improve pressures and correct the valve problems. If resi-

dents experience water outages, they are encouraged to call the CUC call center so notification can be forwarded to the project engineer," said Fletcher.

He disclosed that the current low pressure in some areas in Koblerville is not associated

with the construction but the water system improvements are designed to correct many of the problems in this section of the water system.

CUC, in a separate statement yesterday, said that its operations team and AIC

Marianas will be working hard to return normal service to its customers in these affected areas as soon as possible. The agency apologizes for any inconvenience resulting from this project and the water service interruption.

## Commerce reminds vendors of ABTC renewal

The Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Control Division is reminding all licensed business establishments that applications for Alcoholic Beverage Control license renewals are now being accepted.

Application forms may be obtained at the Department of Commerce at the Donni Hill Complex, Capitol Hill Road, Pohnpei Street. ABC license holders on Rota and Tinian may pick up application forms from the resident department heads on Rota and Tinian. Application forms are also available online and may be downloaded at [www.commerce.gov.mp](http://www.commerce.gov.mp).

commerce.gov.mp.

The deadline for filing of renewal applications, including payment of fees, is June 30, 2013.

If license fees for renewal are not paid on or before the expiration date, a penalty of \$25 will be assessed for each day the license is not renewed.

Application forms are available online or from the ABTC division anytime between 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday except weekends and legal holidays. For more information, call the ABTC Division at 664-3065. (*Office of the Governor*)

## 40 sign up for 'Dig Into Reading'

Some 40 children have already signed up for Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's "Dig Into Reading" summer program, according to JKPL Children's Library associate Erlinda Naputi.

Registration started Tuesday and Naputi expects at least 75 to sign up for the 2013 summer reading program, which include activities such as Read Aloud and Craft, Movie Day, Field Trip Day, and Cultural Activities. The program will also invite guest readers and speakers.

"Our goal is to motivate children to read, to develop positive attitudes about reading books, to enable children to maintain their reading skills during summer vacation. Not only to encourage regular use of the library but to attract new users to the library. We want to foster cooperation between community and agencies so we dedicated Thursdays as special guest day. Our objective is to have at least 75 percent of the participants complete the program," said Naputi in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Any child who reads 10 books or more automatically gets a prize from the program's sponsors.

To add fun to the program, JKPL included Friday as Field

Trip Day with Cultural Activities taking place on Saturdays from 10am to 12pm. The Public School System's Pupil Transportation will provide busing services for the program's field trip.

JKPL's "Dig Into Reading" summer program has been ongoing since 2006.

The program's sponsors are Joeten Ace Hardware; Aqua Resort Club, Chong's Corp., Coca-Coca of Saipan, D&Q, Fi-esta Resort & Spa Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Horizons, JET Holdings Co., McDonald's Saipan, Megabyte, National Office Supply, Pacific Islands Club, Subway, World Resort Saipan, IP&E, and Taco Bell.

The 2013 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, preschool through young adults, with programs, prize drawings, story hours, cultural activities, a reading club, and more.

For more information, visit JKPL during its regular hours, Tuesday to Friday, from 10am to 6pm, and Saturday from 9am to 4 pm. The library is closed on Sunday, Monday and holidays. Call the library at 235-7316 or 7322 or visit its website, <http://www.cnmlibrary.com>. (*Saipan Tribune*)



## BON VOYAGE!

Outgoing NMI Student Representative to the Board Audrey Joy Ada, fourth from right, is all smiles after being recognized by board members at their last meeting. With her, from left, are Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., board members Lucy Blanco Maratita, Marylou Ada, Janice Tenorio, Tanya King, and Galvin Deleon Guerrero. At the back is BOE chair Herman T. Guerrero. Audrey Joy will go on to college at the Boise State University.

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## Couple drops complaint vs Quichocho

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A couple has dropped their disciplinary complaint against attorney Ramon K. Quichocho in the Superior Court.

Frieda Reyes Demapan, executive assistant to the attorney general, confirmed with the *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that she and her husband, Ignacio "Ike" De-

mapan, filed a disciplinary complaint against Quichocho over attorney's fees.

Frieda Demapan said they, however, already dropped the complaint on May 31 after a family consultation.

"We want to make peace among our families and not war," she added.

Quichocho is Ike Demapan's nephew. Ike Demapan is the former resident executive direc-

tor for Indigenous Affairs. He is currently in the U.S. mainland for medical appointment.

Frieda Demapan received yesterday a summons from a lawyer to appear at a hearing in court on their complaint on July 3, 2013, at 1:30pm.

Frieda Demapan said they already notified the lawyer who is handling their case that they have already dismissed their complaint.

*Saipan Tribune* learned from sources that there are two other pending disciplinary complaints against Quichocho in the Superior Court. The complainants in the sealed cases are Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz and businesswoman Jung Ja Kim.

Sources said Quichocho is also facing a disciplinary complaint in federal court.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos recently withdrew the administration's nomination of Quichocho to serve as a Superior Court associate judge.

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# Abandoned Kobler airstrip eyed for recreational flights

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A group of businessmen on island wants to use the abandoned airstrip in Koblerville for sports and recreational flights.

This early, the Commonwealth Ports Authority opposes the idea, citing security and safety concerns.

## » CPA opposes proposal

Acting CPA executive director MaryAnn Lizama disclosed during Friday's board meeting that the agency had received an application for permit to use the abandoned airstrip, which is owned by the Department of Public Land.

"CPA does not have jurisdiction over the property and facilities out of its area. However, this activity and the area identified is located directly within the flight path of our controlled air space," Lizama said.

It was disclosed at the meet-

ing that attorney Stephen Nutting made known this project to CPA. The lawyer and his partners plan to operate a sports and recreational business and will use the abandoned airstrip in Koblerville for the pilots' training and eventually for the business once it is formally established.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the group recently acquired an aircraft certified by the Federal Aviation Administration for sports flights. This is equipped with necessary equipment as required by FAA and expected to arrive on island very soon.

Lizama admitted that it is not CPA that will decide on the proposal but DPL, since it owns the property. However, she emphasized that because air space is under FAA jurisdiction, it also has the authority to give the go signal.

The abandoned airstrip is

located near Saipan Southern High School and runs parallel to the runway of the Saipan International Airport. Nutting's company wants to use the airstrip as permanent flight parking.

Lizama said she will make sure that CPA's concerns will be conveyed to DPL and FAA.

"We're not discouraging businesses. We welcome them but in CPA, we hold safety and security in high regards," she added.

Besides using the airstrip for pilots' training, Nutting's group—according to CPA—may also establish a sports flight school that, if realized, will be the first of this type of business in the Commonwealth.

Board vice chair Benigno Sablan encourages Nutting's company to explore alternative areas for their planned business. He cited the Marpi site as a perfect location for this type of activity.

## MCS to launch NHS for elementary students

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Mount Carmel School will soon launch its own chapter of the National Honor Society, this time for elementary students, according to school president and State Board of Education member Galvin Deleon Guerrero yesterday.

He said the school was recently authorized to establish its own chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society, a program of the National Association of Elementary School Principals, or NAESP, in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Deleon Guerrero said that once formally formed, the society will be called the Father Arnold Bendowsky chapter, in

honor of the founding father of Mount Carmel School.

"This is a wonderful program that will help us recognize the many amazing students in our elementary grades. The society's emphasis on well-rounded achievement is a perfect fit for our school's mission to educate the whole child," Deleon Guerrero said.

MCS will open applications for induction into the society as soon as the new school year opens in August.

According to the NAESP, the NEHS was developed in 2008 to recognize elementary students in both public and non-public elementary schools for outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated personal responsibility. It was also created to

provide meaningful service to the school and community, and to develop essential leadership skills in the students of elementary schools.

The new society will join Mount Carmel School's existing Sacred Heart Chapter of the National Honor Society and its Immaculate Conception Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Since the school runs classes from first grade to high school, school leaders determined that it made sense to complete its set of honor societies with the NEHS. The school submitted its charter application to the NAESP early in the spring of 2013 and received final approval soon after the 2012-2013 school year ended.



### ESGR AWARDEE

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Members of the Board of Education and officials of the Public School System gather for a group photo after receiving last week two major recognitions from the Employer Support of the Guards and Reserve. The school system was presented with the "Freedom Award" and the "Above and Beyond Award" during awarding rites on June 1 at the Sheraton Hotel in Guam.

## Saipan lass graduates with honors from Annapolis

Another one of the CNMI's daughters made the islands proud after graduating with honors at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Ensign Jamie Vales, the youngest daughter of Roger and Celia Vales, finished her four-year course in Systems Engineering on May 24.

She not only graduated from the country's top naval school, she also did it with flying colors by earning honors while also minoring in Japanese.

"Graduating from the Naval Academy was a bittersweet experience! I have made great friendships throughout the four years and it was, and still is, hard to part ways. At the same time, it was an awesome feeling to have reached the finish line of my 'not college life!'" she said.

Asked what she meant, the

younger Vales explained, "Not college is a joke midshipmen created because the Naval Academy is a college but the experience throughout the four years is far from what a normal college life is."

Her parents are understandably elated with their youngest daughter's latest achievement. Roger said he and Celia are very proud of Jamie.

Jamie said the toughest and most memorable part of her four-year stay in Annapolis was the end of her freshmen year.

"The plebes [freshmen] have to go through sea trials as a first step to be recognized by the upper class (sophomore, junior, and seniors). Sea trials is basically doing physical tasks for more than 12 hours straight. In my plebe year, we started sea trials around 5am and ended around 6pm. It pushed my men-

tal and physical limits but it was very rewarding. It was a great experience overall because you could see the brotherhood forming. It is something I would do again," she said.

Jaime is now on Saipan but will soon report to San Diego, California for Basic Division Officer's Course. From there, she will be stationed in Sasebo, Japan come August.

Currently a Nuclear Surface Warfare Officer, Jamie has a five-year obligation to serve the U.S. Navy.

"My first tour of two years will be in Sasebo, Japan. After that I will be reporting for Nuke School in Charleston, South Carolina for a year and will be picking the location for my second tour after that. I am not sure if I will be staying in the Navy. I am just going with the flow at the moment."

Jamie thanked her family for all the support and help they gave her during and even before her college years in Annapolis.

"I would like to thank my family for my success, especially my sister! They have done so much to help me get in and survive the Naval Academy. I would not be able to do it without them!"

Now that she's done with 'not college' she is eagerly looking forward to serving the U.S. Armed Forces.

"I think the best thing about being in the Navy is seeing the appreciation people have for your service. Even though I have not contributed much at the moment, I have had multiple people come up to me thanking me for my service. There is nothing more rewarding and that is what makes me proud to serve." (*Saipan Tribune*)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ensign Jamie Vales graduated with honors from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland with a bachelor's degree in Systems Engineering and a minor in Japanese on May 24, 2013.



# DPW reopens residential cool roof rebate program

The CNMI Department of Public Works, Energy Division, Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant announced yesterday the reopening of the Residential Cool Roof Rebate Program to assist homeowners reduce their home's energy consumption while increasing its cooling efficiency through the application of approved cool roof products. The program is available to Saipan residents only and on a first-come, first-served basis, or while vouchers last.

Applications will be available beginning June 24, 2013, at the DPW Energy Division EECBG Office at the Springs Development Plaza along Chalan Pale Arnold Rd. (Middle Road) to interested residential homeowners with qualified homes only. A qualified home is a fully-concrete home that is the primary residence lawfully owned by the homeowner listed on the application. Rental properties and apartment units used as primary residences do not qualify. Additional terms and conditions apply.

## Required documents

1. Application completed and signed
2. Applicant's valid CNMI/U.S. identification (driver's license, state identification, passport)
3. Three latest CUC bills with account holder name and number
4. Property deed (quitclaim deed, deed of gift, warranty deed) or mortgage agreement with lot numbers

5. Two price quotations from registered participating vendors

## Registered participating vendors

1. Big Bell, Inc./Gap Soo Kim, George Salas Telephone: (670) 288-6108/285-6775
2. J.A.M. Construction Co / Joven Mallari, Connie Hizon. Telephone: (670) 234-8805/287-5916
3. Konstrak Builders/Manuel Cisnero. Telephone: (670) 235-1432/898-9269

4. LR Construction/John S. Reyes. Telephone: (670) 285-5646

5. Northpac Corp./Miguel R. Cruz Jr. Telephone: (670) 235-7171/483-7171

6. RPCF Inc./Brian P. Reyes. Telephone: (670) 234-9127/285-1157

7. YWAHRC Corp./Benigno T. Fejeran, Roger Valguna. Telephone: (670) 235-5091, 2/483-6717

All applications that are accepted and certified complete

will be processed in the order received. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Funds will not be held for applications returned incomplete. Applications are limited to only one per household per family. Vouchers are available only to the first 124 residential homes on Saipan. Program expires Sept. 30, 2013.

For submission, copies of application and supporting documents must be provided by applicants. Copies will not

be made by the DPW Energy Division. Applications without copies of supporting documents will not be accepted. All original applications and copies of supporting documents submitted become the property of the DPW Energy Division and will not be returned.

For more information or questions regarding this program, visit the CNMI Energy Division EECBG Office located at the Springs Development Plaza along Chalan Pale Arnold Rd.

(Middle Road) or you may contact Maggie Untalan, program coordinator, or Stanley Laniyo, assistant program coordinator, at the Energy Division EECBG Office (670) 664-4487/89/90.

Funding opportunity for this project is made available through a grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 by the U.S. Department of Energy – Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. **(Office of the Governor)**

## Cheon, Cuerdo are MHS' top graduates

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Jimin Cheon and Marjorie Ann Cuerdo were named the top

graduates of Marianas High School's Class of 2013 during commencement exercises at the MHS Gymnasium on Tuesday, June 18.

Cheon was named valedictorian of the MHS Class of 2013 and recipient of the Board of Education Award presented by BOE chair Herman T. Guerrero.

Cuerdo was named salutatorian of the MHS Class of 2013 and was presented with the Commissioner of Education Award by Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.

Marianas High School award-

ed a total of 264 diplomas to members of the Class of 2013. The top 10 awardees are as follows: Jessie Joseph Santos, Farah Jane Chan, Andrew Kim Villanueva, John Paul Aglubat, Ji Won Choi, Frank Gu, Ajette Joyce Manabat, Alrose Patricia Atienza, Marjorie Ann Cuerdo, and Jimin Cheon.

Honorable mentions were Kelly Demapan, Cody Race, and Vivien Viernes.

Audrey Joy Ada was awarded the Governor's Leadership Award by Gov. Eloy S. Inos and the Board of Education Student Leadership Award by Guerrero.

Yu June Lee was awarded the Principal's Leadership Award by MHS principal Cherlyn B. Cabrera.

Inos, the keynote speaker for the commencement exercise, encouraged the graduates to dream. "Don't be afraid to dream big. Follow dreams. Transform your lives."



**JIMIN CHEON**

Board of Education Award



**MARJORIE ANN CUERDO**

Commissioner of Education Award



**AUDREY JOY ADA**

Governor's Leadership Award



**YU JUNE LEE**

Principal's Leadership Award

## CRIME OF THE WEEK

### Ming Palace burglary

Crime Stoppers is seeking the public's help for information on burglary and theft incident that occurred at the Ming Palace Restaurant, located in Western Garapan, at the corner of Coffee Tree Mall and Date St.

On Sunday, June 9, 2013, police learned that the restaurant was broken into and frozen seafood stolen. The owner of the establishment discovered the crime earlier that morning when they arrived at the establishment at around 11am.

The suspect(s) gained access into the kitchen by breaking through an opening on the wall. This is the fourth time the restaurant was broken into and food items stolen. The stolen seafood include over \$450 worth of lobster, \$120 worth of assorted fish, and about \$120 worth of frozen shrimp.

DPS and Crime Stoppers need your help. Please contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use our website at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net). Crime stoppers pays up to \$1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. It pays to call. **(Crime Stoppers)**



The top ten graduates of Marianas High School pose with their certificates.

REINA S. PEREZ

Marianas High School presented honorable mention awards to, from left, Vivien Viernes, Cody Race, and Kelly Demapan.

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# 'NOAA grants to NMI agencies not suspended'

## »CRM administrator resigned, not terminated

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Government officials clarified yesterday that grants from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to CNMI agencies were not suspended, and that Coastal Resources Management administrator Rita Chong-Dela Cruz resigned, not terminated.

Division of Environmental Quality director Frank Rabauliman said yesterday he wants to clarify that NOAA grants to DEQ were not suspended.

He said there was only a temporary change in the release of grant funds last month, but the NOAA grants are still available.

"The NOAA grants are intact, they are not suspended. It was only the process of releasing those grants that changed," he said.

Rabauliman explained that NOAA temporarily halted the use of the online Automated

Standard Application for Payment, or ASAP, system that allows grant recipients such as DEQ to withdraw funding directly from an established ASAP account for each grant award once approval for the funding is given.

In the meantime, should DEQ needs to spend for the program receiving NOAA grant money, CNMI money will have to be used first and will be reimbursed later on by NOAA. Rabauliman cited DEQ's Coral Reef Initiative that receives some half a million dollars in annual grant from NOAA.

The change is a result of the delayed release of the CNMI government's fiscal year 2011 single audit, which was only recently released. That is the same report that contains the latest CNMI government budget deficit.

"We met that requirement for the 2011 single audit. I'm hoping that we would also be able

to provide the 2012 audit so that we will be able to go back to the ASAP system," he added.

Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold Palacios separately confirmed that NOAA grants to DLNR's Division of Fish and Wildlife were not suspended, but also underwent temporary change in the release of funds.

"It was only the mode of payments that changed. The grants were not suspended. The grant is intact, but that change is an extra hurdle. We hope we will be able to go back to the old system soon. We are working with NOAA on that," he added.

He said the change in payment processing is also a result of a delay in the submission of the 2011 single audit report.

Press secretary Angel Demapan separately said such is also the case with CRM and the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office that

also receive NOAA grants.

Demapan, at the same time, said, "Contrary to the report published in the other newspaper, the CRM administrator was not terminated. She submitted a resignation and it was subsequently accepted by Governor Inos."

To prevent any disruption in services, the governor designated Ana Agulto, CRM permit manager, as acting CRM administrator per a June 18 memorandum.

"Upon learning of the suspension of NOAA grants, Gov. Inos met with Ms. Chong-Dela Cruz to discuss this matter. As a result of that meeting last week, Chong-Dela Cruz tendered her notice to resign and Gov. Inos accepted her resignation on Monday," the press secretary said.

The governor, in an interview with reporters on Thursday last week, said he would meet with Chong-Dela Cruz on grant issues.

# Ex-DJ in arson case pleads guilty

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Aziz Peter Mettao, a former disc jockey who is facing charges in federal court for setting fire to a car owned by Power 99 Studio, pleaded guilty yesterday.

Mettao pleaded guilty to destruction of a motor vehicle. The other charge, malicious use of explosive materials, will be dropped.

He will be sentenced on Sept. 27, 2013 at 9am.

The U.S. government filed the information only yesterday.

Attorney Mark Scoggins appeared for attorney F. Matthew Smith, who is off-island, as counsel for Mettao. Assistant U.S. attorneys Rami Badawy and Ross Naughton represented the U.S. government.

The change of plea hearing pushed through yesterday in the

U.S. District Court for the NMI after the prosecution submitted in court a doctor's report, concluding that the defendant is competent to stand trial.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona then ruled that Mettao is competent to stand trial.

Manglona had ruled in April that a hearing should be held first whether Mettao is competent to stand trial before holding

a change of plea hearing.

Under the plea agreement that was filed in court on April 25, 2013, the U.S. government and the defendant agree to a 24-month prison term. Mettao will also be made pay \$2,500 in restitution to Sorensen Media Group.

Mettao used beer bottles that he filled with flammable liquid to burn the Power 99 vehicle—a 2010 Hyundai Tucson—that was parked near the radio station in western Garapan in the early morning of Sept. 10, 2012.

## GUAM BRIEFS

### Guam senators question kids' cultural show cost

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Guam senators are questioning spending \$127,000 of taxpayer money to create a children's cultural television show. A bill seeks to spend the money on a nonprofit company called Duk Duk Goose Inc. to create a Chamorro children's educational series. *Pacific Daily News* reports senators on Tuesday expressed concerns including giving the money to a company without allowing others to compete for the job and whether it's reasonable to spend that much money for six hours of video. The money would come from the hotel occupancy tax. The tourist fund helps cultural organizations that can increase Guam tourism. Sen. Brant McCreadie says it seems excessive to spend \$100,000 for staff, \$23,000 for talent and \$4,000 for

equipment. The show would air on television, the Internet and in elementary schools.

### Survivors sue StarKist parent firm over drowning

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—The parent company of StarKist Tuna is being sued by the family of a man who drowned aboard a company fishing boat three years ago. *Pacific Daily News* reports the family of chief engineer Chang Cheol Yang sued last week in U.S. District Court of Guam. The lawsuit claims Dongwon Industries allowed the purse seiner *Majestic Blue* to sail in May 2010 despite faulty repairs at a China shipyard. The lawsuit also says an inexperienced crew had problems communicating with the vessel's U.S. skipper, who also died as the vessel sank June 14, 2010, in calm water. Twenty-two crew members escaped in a

skiff as Hill and Yang headed for the engine room just before the vessel tilted and sank. Hill's widow has also sued.

### Guam man dies after fight

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A man injured in a fight in Guam has died. Police say 33-year-old Anthony M. Giralao died Saturday after a fight earlier in the day in Tumon. Prosecutors say the fight was with a man who has dated his ex-wife and that the man has been arrested. A magistrate's complaint filed before Giralao died charged Carl Guararita with aggravated assault and attempted murder. The complaint says Guararita choked Giralao for about a minute. Giralao was taken to a hospital and placed on a respirator. The *Pacific Daily News* reports that Guararita remains jailed with bail set at \$500,000.

## Flashback

### A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 20, 2005

### Cargo figures continue to spiral down

CNMI seaports continue to process less and less cargo due to the recent closures and downsizing in the local garment industry. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reported that the total cargo shipped in and out of the Northern Marianas reached only 373,045 tons in the first eight months of fiscal year 2005. This indicates a 5-percent decline, as compared to the same period in FY 2004. Specifically, the volume of inbound cargo dropped by 6,594 tons, or 2 percent. Outbound cargo registered a decrease of 12,749 tons, or 13 percent. In May 2005 alone, the total cargo volume went down by 9 percent, or 4,279 tons.

### Elected officials spent nearly \$2M in travels

Capitol Hill elected officials have spent \$1.8 million in travel expenses for fiscal year 2004 and FY 2005. Records obtained by the Saipan Tribune through the Open Government Act showed that Gov. Juan N. Babauta and Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente spent \$117,922.31, with Babauta registering a sum of \$90,389.99 and Benavente, \$27,532.32. The Legislature's two presiding officers Senate President Joaquin G. Adriano and House speaker Benigno R. Fitial spent \$142,504.28 with Adriano, who is from Tinian, owning the bulk of \$141,044.78 and Fitial, \$1,459. Overall, the Legislature spent \$821,643 in FY 2004 and \$694,772.05 for FY05.

June 20, 2006

### Fund board retains lawyer

Pushed to make a legal move, the NMI Retirement Fund board has decided to retain the services of private lawyer Joseph Camacho. Fund board chair Joseph Reyes said Camacho is now assisting the board with its legal actions relating to the government's enactment of a law that suspends its employer contribution of \$1.3 million per pay period up to the end of fiscal year 2007. Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes said the Fund would have a total of three lawyers, including its in-house attorney, James Hollman, and Camacho's associate in his law firm Camacho and Alepuyo.

### KHS, PSS termite treatment get chunk of Compact Impact funds

Kagman High School and the treatment and control of termites in all public schools will get the largest share of the finalized Compact Impact Fund given to the CNMI Public School System. According to PSS Federal Programs adviser Tim Thornburgh, the Central Office would proceed with the revised Compact Assistance budget for 2006 that was sent to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial in April this year. Kagman High School will get the sum of \$480,000 for its pending additional classrooms and collaterals needed by the school. It will also receive an additional \$100,000 for the repair of its science and technology classroom that was burned down in May 2005.

June 20, 2007

### June 30 deadline for amnesty

Residential customers who have illegal electric connections have until the end of the month to come clean and avail of the attorney general's amnesty program to avoid prosecution. Commonwealth Utilities Corp. spokesperson Pamela A. Mathis told Saipan Tribune yesterday that Attorney General Matthew Gregory is offering the amnesty to residential customers only up to June 30, 2007. "The amnesty is for residential customers who are illegally connected. The amnesty means that they [Attorney General's Office] will not put you in jail. It's not offered by CUC, it's an AG amnesty," Mathis said. But Mathis emphasized that CUC will still seek payment for what the residential customers had consumed.

### 26 agree, three vague on OGA application to the Legislature

All but three of the lawmakers surveyed by a concerned citizen say they agree to applying the Open Government Act to the Legislature. On Monday, Eugenio Sablan asked each lawmaker to sign their name on a sheet of paper and circle the statement that describes their "feeling" about making the government's transparency law applicable to the Legislative Branch. The options were "I agree," "I don't agree," and "I don't know whether to agree or disagree."

## ERRATUM

The front-page photos in yesterday's edition of the *Saipan Tribune* incorrectly identified the persons on the left and right of the winner. The correct caption should read, "Crowned Pinoy Super Gay Model 'Maria Venus Raj,' center, is flanked by Best in Talent 'Venus,' right, and Best in Fantasy Costume first runner-up Sharmaine, left, during the pageant night that capped the 2013 *Pistang Pinoy* or Filipino Festival on Sunday at the Garapan Fishing Base." Our apologies.





# Design for Palau 'Freedom Memorial' nears completion



Otis College students Cindi Alvitre, Jeffrey Vallance, Logan King, Dennis Delgado, Steve Peraza, Andrew Chau, Carol Kurick, Janet Wu, Danielle Aguilar, Joo Young Hwang, Linda Jiang, Michael Gallegos, Esther Oldenkamp, Ashley Chun, Laura Lindlief, Yawsameen Ghassabian, Natalia Rishq, Alexa Stern, and Harene Kim are joined by Otis College staff Richard Shelton (director - Creative Action), Allison Knight (manager), Mathew Tecle (program assistant), and Rude Calderon (professor).

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In collaboration with Palau Community College, students from three different schools are currently in Palau focusing on projects aimed to improve and promote the island. Two of the schools are located in the United States and the third is located in Japan. The students will be spending time on the island to research, create, and assist the society.

Otis College of Art and Design is located in Los Angeles, California. The college focuses

on the arts offering studies in areas such as architecture, digital media, and fashion design. Since 2003 a group of students from the school has been visiting Palau to design the Freedom Memorial, a public art project/monument that recognizes all Palauans who had served and are serving in the U.S. military since the Vietnam War.

During their first visit, the group interviewed the families of Palauan military members, traditional leaders, and Ameri-

can civil leaders currently in Palau. The information obtained during that visit included historical war significances of Palau and its cultural traditions. During their second visit, the students collected all the research information they had gathered previously and formed a possible design for the memorial. It was then presented to the Palauan public.

The students returned yet again to finalize the design for the project and spent about

two weeks (from June 3 to June 14) in the PCC dormitories. According to their previous design, the memorial will follow a spiraling shape representing the Palauan tradition of using a conch-shell for war calls. Eight monoliths erected beside *toluk* (Palauan women's

money) carvings will line the spiraling design. The design extends with placements of several bowls submerged in the water visible while the tide is out. Over time, they will become natural tide pools serving as underwater attractions and homes to marine life. The

Freedom Memorial is to be built at Long Island Park in Koror, Palau.

Additional information about the Freedom Memorial can be found on the Otis College website: [http://www.otis.edu/assets/user/palau\\_freedom\\_11\\_17\\_8\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.otis.edu/assets/user/palau_freedom_11_17_8_FINAL.pdf). (PCC)

## PCC inks accord for climate change study in Palau



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Palau Community College president Dr. Patrick Tellei, with representatives of Palau International Coral Reef Center, Japan International Cooperation Agency, and the Japanese Science and Technology Agency during the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.

The Palau Community College signed in March a memorandum of understanding with the University of Ryukyus for a collaborative research project between the schools called "The Project for Sustainable Management of Coral Reef and Island Ecosystems: Responding to the Threats of Climate Change."

According to the memorandum, the project will research the effects of climate change on the environment of Palau. Because Okinawa and Palau share similar environments, the

study will assist both nations in better understanding the risks that may come with the ever-changing state of nature. The research project will span over a five-year period and began in April of 2013.

The University of the Ryukyus is located on the Ryukyu Archipelago in Okinawa Prefecture of Japan.

Because of its historical experience during World War II, the school has a strong focus in researching environmental and social issues. Through its researches, the school promotes

a consideration of the natural environment. In addition, it encourages a student exchange program that allows an international understanding to unite students worldwide.

Students from University of the Ryukyus join students from two other schools that are currently in Palau on projects aimed to improve and promote the island. The other two schools are located in the United States. The students are spending time in Palau in order to research, create, and assist Palau's developing society. (PCC)

## 35 join Palau Law Enforcement Academy

The 19th Law Enforcement Academy of Palau began its training on June 17, 2013, with a total of 35 participants.

Within about three months, trainees will be taught about the laws of enforcement in Palau and how to properly apply the knowledge in the community. Trainees include personnel already employed in areas involving law enforcement such as state conservation officers, customs officers, immigration officers, and security officers.

Training is done under the command of Officer Favian

Ngiramengior of Palau's Bureau of Public Safety. Deputy Commanders are BPS officers Sabino Kyota, Jr. and Sherry Sisior and Customs officer Clive Telei.

Under their instruction, trainees are expected to obtain a thorough understanding of the laws in Palau to protect the community.

Each participant is expected to fulfill the physical demands of their jobs as well as completely understand the application of laws. Guest speakers include Palau Attorney General

R. Victoria Roe and chiefs from each division of the Ministry of Justice. Their work experience and knowledge will provide information for the trainees about human rights, national codes, and similar laws of conduct.

Physical training, such as judo, is required to enhance each participant's physical endurance. A morning formation inspection includes a patriotic declaration to Palau through a flag raising ceremony.

Program participants will continue training until Sept. 20, 2013. (PR)



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Participants in the 19th Law Enforcement Academy of Palau undergo a morning formation inspection.



# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## Immigration reform is more than border security

Federal spending on border security is at a historic high. Illegal crossings are at a 40-year low. Deportations reached record numbers in President Barack Obama's first term. Let's get on with the business of fixing the rest of our dysfunctional immigration system.

Last week, the U.S. Senate began debating an immigration bill, the product of months of negotiations by the Gang of Eight, a group of four Republicans and four Democrats who are serious about getting this done.

The bill's authors haven't declared victory in the effort to seal the border. Their measure contains up to \$6.5 billion for more agents, more fencing and more surveillance equipment, including drones.

The Gang of Eight proposal would update the visa system to reflect the changing needs of American businesses. It would provide separate, flexible allocations for high-tech, white collar and low-skill workers, with an additional program for agricultural guest workers.

The lightning rod in the debate is a plan to allow many of the 11 million who are here without permission to stay and work legally, granting them a provisional status that could lead to citizenship. That path, as the president noted this week, is "no cakewalk." They'd have to learn English, pay a fine and back taxes and demonstrate that they won't be a burden on taxpayers.

The bill sets border security benchmarks that must be met to open each step along that path. It would likely be 10 years before those here illegally could apply for legal residency, or "green cards," and at least 13 before they'd qualify for citizenship.

Opponents have offered amendments that would set those benchmarks higher—so high, the bill's supporters say, that the path to citizenship would be out of reach.

Sen. Mark Kirk was one of 15 senators who voted against bringing the bill to the floor for debate at all. He's still stuck on the "enforcement first" model, and he's apparently not impressed with the falling numbers.

He says he likes a plan outlined by Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas. That amendment would raise the bar that must be met before immigrants can apply for green cards. The bill's supporters say Cornyn's targets are unreasonable and prohibitively expensive. The amendment calls for an additional 6,500 border personnel, for example, without additional funding.

The bill's supporters say the changes suggested by Cornyn and others are meant to kill the bill, not make it better—ya think?—but they insist they're open to improving the border security elements.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., the conservative point man on the Gang of Eight, has said he won't vote for the bill he helped draft unless the enforcement provisions are stronger. He's trying to broker a compromise. Step one: Get Kirk and others to let go of the idea that until the border is fixed, everything else has to stay broken.

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## June groom

We always hear of the June bride, and the 281 buttons that has to be pushed to get her to the matrimonial altar. June bride must be a meteorological, climatic and atmospheric creation, having to do with the changes in body temperature. After our hibernation this winter and watching in earnest the blossoming of spring, the full flowering watered by the monsoon summer rains, the fruiting ripens in the sunset of autumn's falling leaves.

We spent a summer's day at Shenyang's Bird Island to commune with the birds on the ground, in flight, and in the case of the peacock, in the full splendor of its fanned tail parading under the lush verdant trees of the EcoPark.

It was almost midday when we ran into the newlyweds with three photo and video pros in tow orchestrating their moves and clicking at them in various scenes. The girl was attired in full white gown appropriate to the cathedrals of Europe on a midmorning with a horse-drawn carriage in front, or looking surrealistic on the meadows of Flanders of the Flemings. In Liaoning, the photo pros had them draped for what would be images of a lifetime framed on walls of living and dining rooms of poses appropriate to the discounted plastic haute couture.

True to today's real fashion, the girl wore red Converse rubber shoes under her gown. She was comfortable treading the green turf of the park on them without showing up on the takes. The male was in an orange shirt and green pants, a color scheme unfamiliar to us though we suspect a fertility combo, with a bouquet of artificial flowers tucked in the crook of his arm while he escorted the damsel by the stream. I tried sneaking a picture of them and their reflection on the brook, but we got a no-no look from one of the pros, so we settled for just watching the photo shoot unfold.

One of the park's feature over the wetlands was a "sweetheart bridge" where couples can leisurely spend time to linger in nooks and balconies strategically built for lovers. It was a perfect setting for the newlyweds. When couples exit on the other side of a cupid bow shaped curved path, an office at the other end offers a fancy certificate declaring a couple to be officially sweethearts. Sadly, this solo old growl on the prowl could not singularly swing a sweetheart deal!

The park stopped selling admission tickets at 4pm, and the folks who lingered in the park could stay until 7pm when the gates finally closes, but the last public bus at the parking lot heading for town that would get us back to the university was at 6 so we scurried fast across the river bridge when we noticed the newlyweds doing their video shoot with the sunset and klieg lights on the rocks and the waterfall. That's when we looked around for any low-flying birds that might join us for a carafe of Chardonnay but we were definitely on the wrong side of town. Besides, I really came down for a day's

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bird shoot, and that was the extent of the fowl play we had in mind.

Our bespectacled June groom was lackadaisical in his participation in the photo shoot but got more animated after donning a full tux and the pro lady managed to give the bride a new layer of powder puff over her mascara.

It was the memory of a friend on Saipan that kept recurring. He had been a groom-in-waiting for a number of years, a lover previous to that, in a long distance romance that spanned more than ten time zones. The time finally came when he no longer felt comfortable playing stopover bonhomie in a relationship that had difficulties getting into the sunshine as lingering shades on both continents cast long shadows on the path to a judge's signature. The shadow prevailed.

He had mused about the difficulty of extricating himself in what has evolved as ties of co-dependency where addiction to the other's charms fed more to the delusions and illusions of his imagination. It was in one of those trite lists of wisdom from a 90-year-old reflecting on her journey's learning that broke the proverbial camel's back. She said: "If a relationship was to be kept a secret, she was not going to be a part of it." Our groom-in-waiting woke up out of his seductive hallucinogenic fantasies.

It would be a mistake to take the declaration of ending as an act of disappointment or dissatisfaction, the groom-in-waiting added. In fact, the act of separation is gratitude mirrored in his email signature: *Yesterday, appreciate; tomorrow, anticipate; today, participate. In all, celebrate!*

Melodie Beattie, who wrote on co-dependency, said it another way in a quote favored by romantics: "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

Our judgment of other people's lives, their work, and their thoughts is usually a reflection of our insecurity over the inadequacy and exposed nature of ours. On a Saturday at Bird Island, a groom decided to wait no more!



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Fina’pos Tautau-ta

**H**u gef agradese appottunadat umestoria yan tautau-ta siha ni tumuñgu’ kabales linala’ dikiki’ na komunida ‘nai todū mañasaunau gi che’chu familia yan linahyan. Pot ihemplo: Guaha siha man-atuñgo’hu apmam mañaga giya Anatahan, Alamagan, Pagan yan Agrighan. Man-akone’ ya man-hanau man-lulai yan katokcha’ dispues ha bira siha ya man-lailai (deskansa) mientras i tautau guma’ sige mana-gasgas i kineni’ niha.

Ayu luseru gi hilu’ tasi rilos niha. Matuñgu’ posision este na pution ni umabibisa todus na esta ti apmam mage chagchag oga’an. Man-asañgane, dispues matulus siha halom gi rubentasion esta i tanu’. Kontodu kasadules, i luseru rilos niha kau man-e’e-ayuyu ‘sino fanihe.

Mampos hana’ malalago’-yu’ finu’ niha ‘an man-estoria deste maguasa’ se’si’ maño’su’, pinita’ yan maso’su’ niyog estake matala’. Otru buruka ‘an mattu i batku ginen Saipan. Man-daña ya sige malofan papa’ gi inai. Makatga gi bote ya mabende gi batku. Ma-abona kafe, chupa, pugas, asukat, leche, lateria, maneska yan otu fektus siha.

Gi finattun batku, siempre guaha gi fina’ hogsu’ umesalau “suenu”. Notisia para i komunida na guaha batku kakaghalom ginen puntan tasi.

‘An pueñge, man-ekuñgog radio, mañganta yan estoria antes de oran deskansu. Pas yan trafikilu na linala’ gi dikiki’ na komunida ‘nai motmut sensian kooperasion gi halom siha.

**Humidde na modun lina’la’**

I taya’ modetnu na trastes tat kumu ipod, ipad, laptop yan cellphone guihe na tiempu bintaha para i membron komunida sa’ sinede satton na dinaña yan inatuñgu’ gi todū kinalamten.

Ni achog dididi’ kulan antigosu modun linala’ niha, siempre ha’ u hinatme usun modetnu na trastes komunikasion pot para u siña kumetuñgu’ sinisesede siha gi enteru elmundu.

Pa’gu na tiempu gi inetnon familia, kada unu kunsu trastesña ipod, iphone yan ipad ‘nai mampos man-tinane’ na magpu ha’ i dinaña sin konbetsasion.

Esta na’chaleg sa’ kontodu dos uma’atuñgu’ ayu ‘nai uma’achiku i nina’ hanau “I luff you” gi inyon niha iphone yan ipad. Tatnai umali’e mata para uma-asegura na diberas i relasion niha. De dios mihu!

Enfin, siña ha’ kulan antigosu lau oppan appottunadat gi satton yan antau na inatuñgu’ todū kinalamten gi halom membron komunida. Estague’ na modun lina’la’ umetablelese kooperasion yan inaya gi halom tautau-ta siha.

**Pozzolan kontra Po’lufan**

Gi primet biahe ‘nai madiskute “miyon pot miyon pesos” na balen pozzolan giya Pagan, tat ti kumuentos pot minan iya Marianas kulan mohon todū i tanu’ numesessita este na attikulu.

Hu rikonose haf’ ‘ste na mina yan kau magahet na hita primera gumugu’ot i mas mauleg na pozzolan. Gaige giya Turkey i mas paire na pozzolan; hita kase mina’ kuarttu papa’. I notisia ni hul-agnos gi komunidan internasionat pot este na mina ni unu umoppe.

Ni iya China tai interes. Esta hana’ matmanyu’ i taya’ interes mientras uma’atoppe yan manadan finu sai’antes karisu guine na “miyon pot miyon” pesos para tafatinas ginen este na mina.

I otu puntu ni mafattu gi hinasoghu: Yangin tasede ya hokog este na mina, debi tanaña ta’lu estake guaha botkan pagpag para tali’e kau siña ta kosecha. I fina hogsu’ siha ni finotma ni machalapon pozzolan siempre u mana’ fan yanu ‘an marikohe i mina.

Dispues de todū i buruka, man-gueku ayu siha na lugat ya nina’ chatpagu i tanu’. Kau siña mohon ta po’luye maseha \$250 miyon pesos para uma-aregla tatte i ‘anyamag makenaria esta i orihinat na kondision i tanu’?

Para un’ agradese bonitaña Pagan, debi un’ fattu hulu’ ya un’li’e ginatboña deste chagchag oga’an estake u machom i atdau gi san-

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lagu. ‘Nai hu diñgu guihe na oga’an, unu ha’ mattu klaru gi hinasoghu: Sotta gi naturatña yan bonitaña sa’ dispues de destrosiu magpu’ i nobenata gi hilu halan talaña.

Po’lu ha’ Pagan gi ginatboña sa’ un’ tanu’ ni sessu ha epog hit manman-guife sa’ achog un’li’e gi litratu bonita na isla ke manu guine. I ginatboña i mina, ahe’ ti pozzolan. Poresu, dimas de pozzolan, maulegña po’lufan.

■■■

Kulan finu’ la’yu’ i hu sasañgan pot diberas na bonitan isla. Yan-gin guahu para bai’ diside po’lu ha’ i tanu’ sa’ ni unabes ‘nai huhu-ñgog man-gagau na’ña.

Dispues guaha planun para uma-usa kumu lugat militat ‘nai siempre malachai mapake kontodu hogsu’ yan lugat ‘nai hagas ta pinitiyē. Haf’ na ayu na tanu’ ma-ayeg ya ti iya Las Vegas, Arizona, New Mexico yan Texas? Kau siha ha’ tumuñgu pre-setbasion sumen dañkulu na tanu’ niha? Kuantu na pidasu iya Pagan para usun militat?

Klaru na ha atbola Marianas i federat gi papa’ inakonfotman Covenant. Tana’en ñaihon i guaguan na dirichota mafanana’an “sovereignty” yan ‘nos kuantos pidason tanu’. Tatnai hu hu-ñgog na mattu tatte si Tihun Samuet para u rikonose haf’ modun linala’ta na tiempu. Esta ha chule’ malago’ña. Magpu’ nobenaña kontodu nobenata!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The casino bill, POB, tax amnesty, and the Fund

*Editor’s Note: The following is an abridged version of the statement the author gave to the Senate in yesterday’s session.*

First, I want to thank the Senate for giving me this opportunity to offer the concerns of many retirees and citizens regarding the Retirement Fund. I also want to offer a possible alternative to saving the Fund with the realization of the casino bill that is being looked at in committee.

I support the pension obligation bond but it is not the complete solution. The POB will only be a partial solution, as the governor stated that the bond will only yield \$50 million to \$70 million. The governor’s suggestion that the casinos and pozzolan could pay the POB debt is only a probability, and there was no mention of how the remaining \$200 million-plus will be available from these two proposed operations. Given the limited capacity of the POB to solve the entire problem, I believe we should be looking at a more complete solution that can be applied and resolved in the present day and time.

As for the tax amnesty, that is another probability and to make it worse the idea hasn’t even been vetted to the extent that we will have an idea of what amount of funding can be generated. The amnesty idea in its purest sense is merely grasping at straws, hoping to bill up a pile of money. There is also the major problem of who and when will they step forward and pay up on the back taxes. I still think the tax amnesty is a good idea and I hope the Senate will pass this bill but it should not be considered part of the solution to fixing the Fund but for paying other debts like land compensation.

As for saving the Fund and paying off the entire \$300 million-plus, I would like to call the Senate’s attention to a House bill that has never saw the light of day. But the bill did propose the sale of the hotels and resorts that are presently on leased government land as a means for paying off the government’s debt to the Fund. The only problem with the bill was that it did not allow for any form of “virtual ownership” of the land to remain with the people throughout time, which can be fixed by adding a progressive property tax that

is based on the property’s value and/or the cost of living index. The value of these properties is estimated at over \$400 million, which is more than enough to pay off the Retirement Fund.

It needs to be fully understood that the taxes I am proposing for these government properties *will not* affect any private landowner and I also think it would be helpful for the local people to be educated more on the virtual ownership of land. Virtual ownership is the common practice for owning property in every state in the mainland. Locals are purchasing homes in the mainland that is subjected to a property tax, which is virtual ownership, not sovereign ownership like we have in the CNMI—a big difference. If you own property in the mainland and don’t pay the property tax then you will lose the property to the state or county. By placing a property tax *only* on the handful of commercial properties that are sold by the CNMI government for the people, the people will always retain virtual ownership of the property in addition to the imminent-domain laws that will be applicable should the people need the land back. The CNMI will also have the right to approve all future sales or transfers of the property.

I know the idea of selling property is a touchy subject but so are casinos. But I believe that once people understand the concept of virtual ownership and that the property taxes will only apply to the handful of properties in the sale, they will want this solution over casinos, the POB, and the amnesty, especially when they understand that the tax will have no effect on private landowners or their leases. The casino, the POB, and the amnesty plan are all *probabilities* and a gamble when we have a viable and a fixed financial alternative in the sale of these properties and there is *no* risk is these sales, as they can’t take the hotels and resorts anywhere!

The casinos have been proposed to save one thing after another and now it’s the Fund. Personally, I know the Fund is just another excuse for casinos. The POB is only a partial solution and the tax amnesty could be a complete mirage. But the sale of these hotels and resort properties is factually viable and far less evil than putting more debt on a weak and unpredictable economy and government. If the casino isn’t working on Tinian it may not work on Saipan either. I implore those senators who know that majority of people *do not want* Saipan casinos to put forth the alternative of selling these hotel and resort properties to save the Fund. It is the best and most complete solution we have at our disposal. The people will certainly thank you for not betraying them with casinos and even applaud you for coming up with a genuine alternative.

The great part is there will even be an additional \$100 million in funding left over from the sale of these properties. That will be \$100 million that we could use to do a lot more to fix the economy and to improve the quality of life for many in the CNMI. We

can even start a repatriation program to bring local professionals back to work and have more jobs for our youths who are graduating. I’m saying this because the Senate needs to do more than just save the Fund because you need to be doing all you can to fix *all* of our problems and not focusing so much on the nuances within the bigger picture of the CNMI so much that you can’t see the bigger and better solution for a lot of things.

The decade-old casino issue has brought us to our knees and divided the people. The people who have promoted the casino have done so with impunity because there has never been a real alternative offered to the people that will solve the entire problem with the Fund and even help with other financial needs. Personally, I think there is too much safe politicking going on and the only question is who in the Senate or House will be willing to offer the people this alternative. I am imploring you to please find the political fortitude and the personal tenacity to exercise the wisdom that is expected of the Senate by implementing a complete plan for the rehabilitation of the Fund through the sale of hotels and resorts. The sale of these properties will not infringe on the future financial status of the CNMI, the people will still retain virtual ownership of the properties with yearly compensation in taxes and many of the financial ailments we now face will also be cured.

I am not up here asking you to do this for me because my home is mortgaged by the Fund so I can’t lose regardless of what happens to the Fund. I am here because there are too many people, working and retired, that deserve a complete solution to fixing the Fund. It is a matter of fact that these properties are worth almost a half billion dollars and we all teach our children to make good with what you have so why can’t we follow our own advice and exploit the capital investments we already have before borrowing and gambling on casinos and a tax amnesty plan.

Albert Eistien once said: “You can’t fix a problem with the same mentality that caused the problem.” The Senate must change the mindset of the Lower House for fixing the Fund if you truly want to reach a bigger and better solution for saving the Fund and fixing our economy because “our attitude will always determine our altitude” and right now we are not even airborne.

I want to thank you for your time and this opportunity to present these concerns and suggestions for saving the Fund and fixing our economy. I know what I have said will be greatly appreciated by many in the community and I can only pray that you will view what I have said as being viable and even the solution to saving the Fund.






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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼81
Palau	Showers	▲86 ▼76
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲91 ▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼80

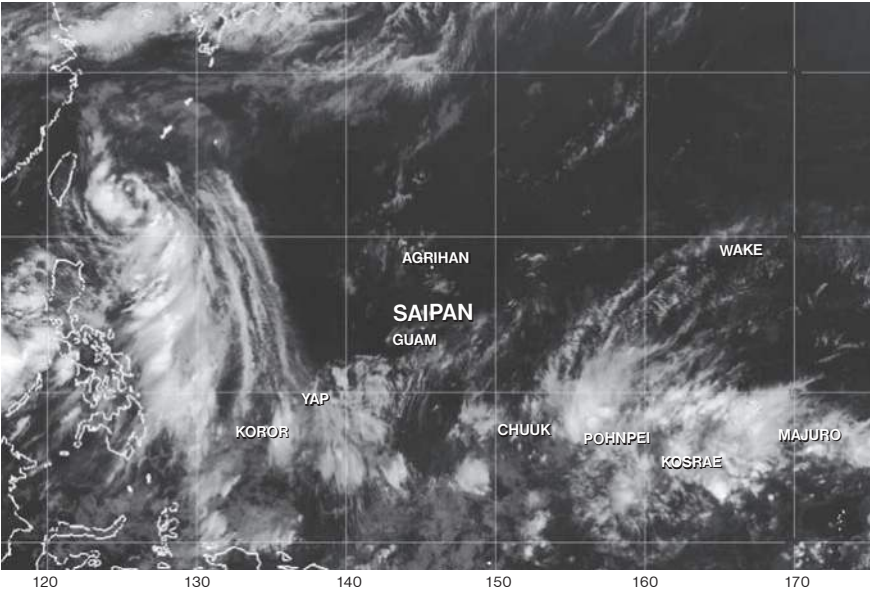
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Auckland	Rain	▲56 ▼51
Beijing	Cloudy	▲83 ▼67
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼82
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼71
London	Showers	▲63 ▼56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲79 ▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼79
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲56 ▼38
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲90 ▼79
New York	Sunny	▲78 ▼60
Osaka	Showers	▲82 ▼68
Paris	Showers	▲73 ▼59
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲78 ▼69
Rome	Sunny	▲88 ▼67
Salem	Showers	▲69 ▼52
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼51
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼69
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲76 ▼67
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲82 ▼64

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:43 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
12:04 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
6:52 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
11:53 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Leepi (04W) is centered well northwest of the Marianas at 20N126E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen east of the center and well north of Palau or west of a line from 23N132E to 17N135E to 10N133E. A surface trough extends northwest from 2N143E to 7N137E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found near Yap between 5N and 10N from 139E to 143E. Convergent low-level winds are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Chuuk or south of a line from EQ145E to 6N151E to EQ156E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from near Chuuk to Pohnpei, Kosrae and the Marshall Islands between 6N and 12N from 153E to 170E. Similar weather is seen near and south of Kosrae between 1N and 6N from 161E to 165E. Scattered showers are also present east of Majuro or east of a line from 3N175E to 6N175E to 9N180. An upper-level low is centered just east of the northern CNMI near 19N147E. Isolated thunderstorms are found northeast of Saipan between 15N and 18N from 146E to 149E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:48 AM	6:49 PM
Friday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Sunday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Monday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:25 PM	2:20 AM
Friday	4:28 PM	3:13 AM
Saturday	5:31 PM	4:11 AM
Sunday	6:35 PM	5:14 AM
Monday	7:35 PM	6:19 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 23, 2013									
DEPARTURES					ARRIVALS				
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b>					<b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b>				
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7		UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7	
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5		UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily	
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily		UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7		UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7	
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily		UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily	
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily		UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily	
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily						
<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b>					<b>ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN</b>				
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily		UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5	
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily		UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6	
<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b>					<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b>				
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7		DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily	
<b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b>					DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily	
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1		<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b>				
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7	
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily		<b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b>				
<b>SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)</b>					OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily	
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7		OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7	
<b>SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)</b>					OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5		<b>SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN</b>				
<b>SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)</b>					3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7	
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6		<b>BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN</b>				
<b>SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)</b>					MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7	
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7		<b>GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN</b>				
<b>SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)</b>					3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5	
XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16		<b>KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN</b>				
<b>SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)</b>					SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7	
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN		<b>VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN</b>				
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN		XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm	4 Every other week eff May 16	
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM		<b>MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN</b>				
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM		PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT		DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT	
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM		UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM	
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM		UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM	
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM		OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN	
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM		OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN		UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	
<b>SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)</b>					OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN	
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN		UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM	
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN		<b>HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN</b>				
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM		OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN	
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN		OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN	
					OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
					UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM	
					UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM	

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>							
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily	<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 400				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily				
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



# Business

## Chrysler to recall Jeeps at risk

**DETROIT (AP)**—After initially defying federal regulators, Chrysler abruptly agreed Tuesday to recall some older-model Jeeps with fuel tanks that could rupture and cause fires in rear-end collisions.

But the recall, which came in an 11th-hour deal between the automaker and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, covers only 1.56 million of the 2.7 million Jeeps that the government wanted repaired. The rest are part of a “customer service action” and many may not get fixed.

By giving in to government pressure, Chrysler sidesteps a showdown with NHTSA that could have led to public hearings with witnesses providing details of deadly crashes. The dispute could have landed in court and hurt Chrysler’s image and its finances.

Yet the deal still leaves some

Jeep owners with gas tanks that NHTSA just two weeks ago said were risky. Chrysler maintains that they are safe and need no repairs.

Earlier this month, the automaker publicly refused the government’s request to recall Jeep Grand Cherokees from model years 1993 through 2004 and Jeep Libertys from 2002 through 2007.

NHTSA, the U.S. agency that monitors vehicle safety, contends the Jeep gas tanks can rupture if hit from the rear, spilling gas and causing a fire. NHTSA said a three-year investigation showed 51 people had died in fiery crashes in Jeeps with gas tanks positioned behind the rear axle.

Chrysler had until Tuesday to formally respond to NHTSA, but the deal made the response unnecessary.

Here’s how the recall will work, according to Chrysler:

■ The company will recall 1.56 million Libertys from 2002 through 2007 and Grand Cherokees from 1993 through 1998. If they don’t have factory or Chrysler “Mopar” trailer hitches, dealers will install them. The heavy metal hitches bolt to the frame and help bolster protection for the gas tank.

■ About 1.2 million Grand Cherokees from the 1999 to 2004 model years will be part of the “customer service action.” Owners will get notices saying their vehicles are fine if they have factory or Chrysler trailer hitches. Dealers will inspect other trailer hitches to make sure they’re secure. But if the Jeeps don’t have trailer hitches, Chrysler won’t do anything, maintaining that the Jeeps are safe and do not need any changes. A Chrysler spokesman was not sure how many of the SUVs are without trailer hitches.

## United hikes Dreamliner order to 65

**CHICAGO**—United Airlines today increased its 787 Dreamliner order to 65 aircraft (including six previously delivered aircraft) with an order for 20 787-10s. United is the North American launch customer for the 787-10 and it expects delivery of its first aircraft in 2018.

United ordered 10 incremental 787-10 aircraft and will convert 10 existing 787s on order to 787-10s, enabling the airline to further modernize its international widebody fleet by replacing older, less efficient aircraft. The advanced technology and composite construction of the 787 reduce fuel burn and carbon emissions, while providing a superior customer experience.

United is currently the only U.S. airline to operate the 787. United has six new 787-8 aircraft in service and had previous orders for an additional 49 Dreamliners consisting of both the -8 and -9 variants.

The 787-10 is a stretched

version of the 787-9 and will offer the lowest fuel burn per seat of any aircraft in its size category.

The 787 offers up to 20 percent better fuel efficiency per seat than similarly sized aircraft, due in part to the more than 50 percent composite makeup of its structure.

The 787 also boasts an enhanced inflight experience including larger windows, larger overhead bins and lower cabin altitude with enhanced ventilation systems that reduce the effects of jet lag.

“Advanced technology aircraft like the 787-10 are key to United’s future, enabling us to fly fuel-efficient, customer-pleasing aircraft that are the right size for many long-haul markets in our unparalleled network,” said Jeff Smisek, United’s chairman, president and CEO. “At United, we continue to modernize our fleet to operate our airline more efficiently, while improving the flight experience for our cus-

tomers and work environment for our co-workers.”

“United and Boeing share a rich history together and we are delighted United has chosen the 787-10 for its future fleet,” said Ray Conner, Boeing Commercial Airplanes President and CEO. “This commitment builds on our long-standing partnership with United. We have partnered on several new airplanes together including the 727, 737, 767 and 777.”

The 787-10 order is the latest in United’s commitment to improve the efficiency of its fleet. In July of last year, United announced a narrow-body order for 100 Boeing 737 MAX 9 aircraft and 50 Boeing 737-900ER aircraft. In addition, United has an order for 25 Airbus A350 aircraft. The airline is also modernizing its United Express fleet by adding 70 76-seat Embraer aircraft that will be operated by United Express regional partners. **(United)**

two-day meeting Wednesday with a news conference by Fed chairman Ben Bernanke.

### US consumer prices rise just 0.1 pct. in May

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—U.S. consumer prices rose slightly last month, as higher energy costs partly offset cheaper food. The small increase is further evidence that consumers are benefiting from mild inflation. The consumer price index ticked up a seasonally adjusted 0.1 percent in May from April, the Labor Department said Tuesday. Over the past 12 months, prices have risen just 1.4 percent. Excluding volatile food and gas costs, core prices rose 0.2 percent in May from April. Core prices are up just 1.7 percent over the past 12 months, in line with the Federal Reserve’s inflation target of 2 percent.

# Nation

## NSA director states bomb plot against Wall Street was foiled

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—The U.S. foiled a plot to bomb the New York Stock Exchange because of the sweeping surveillance programs at the heart of a debate over national security and personal privacy, officials said Tuesday at a rare open hearing on intelligence led by lawmakers sympathetic to the spying.

The House Intelligence Committee hearing provided a venue for officials to defend the once-secret programs and did little probing of claims that the collection of people’s

phone records and Internet usage has disrupted dozens of terrorist plots. Few details were volunteered.

Army Gen. Keith Alexander, director of the National Security Agency, said the two recently disclosed programs—one that gathers U.S. phone records and another that is designed to track the use of U.S.-based Internet servers by foreigners with possible links to terrorism—are critical. But details about them were not closely held within the secretive agency. Alexander said

after the hearing that most of the documents accessed by Edward Snowden, a 29-year-old former systems analyst on contract to the NSA, were on a web forum available to many NSA employees. Others were on a site that required a special credential to access. Alexander said investigators are studying how Snowden did that.

He told lawmakers Snowden’s leaks have caused “irreversible and significant damage to this nation” and undermined the U.S. relationship with allies.

## 3 charged with enslaving disabled mom, child

**ASHLAND, Ohio (AP)**—A mentally disabled woman charged with shoplifting a candy bar asked to be jailed because three people “had been mean to her”—then went on to tell authorities about her time spent in unfathomably cruel servitude, along with her young daughter, at the hands of three people, authorities said Tuesday.

On several occasions, ac-

cording to an FBI affidavit, the suspects injured her and ordered her to go to an emergency room for pain medication they would then take for themselves.

The 29-year-old woman was forced to do housework under the threat of harm to her and her child by her captors’ pet python or pit bulls, authorities allege, and a menagerie of snakes was put in the ter-

rified 5-year-old’s face until she cried.

Authorities announced federal charges Tuesday against three people they say invited the woman and her child to live with them in their blue-collar Ashland neighborhood of older two-story houses. Beginning in early 2011, they forced the mother to cooperate with them by threats and physical abuse, authorities said.

## Scientists: Timber in Lake Michigan centuries old



In this photo made June 16, 2013, and provided by Great Lakes Exploation Group, diver Jim Nowka of Great Lakes Exploration Group inspects a wooden beam extending from the floor of Lake Michigan that experts believe may be part of the *Griffin*, a ship that sank in 1679.

**FAIRPORT, Mich. (AP)**—A wooden beam embedded at the bottom of northern Lake Michigan appears to have been there for centuries, underwater archaeologists announced Tuesday, a crucial finding as crews dig toward what they hope is the carcass of a French ship that disappeared while exploring the Great Lakes in the 17th century.

Expedition leaders still weren’t ready to declare they had found a shipwreck or the long-lost *Griffin*. The ship, commanded by the French explorer Rene Robert Cavelier de la Salle, was never seen again after

setting sail in September 1679 from an island near the entrance of Green Bay, in what is now northern Wisconsin, with a crew of a six and a cargo of furs.

But Michel L’Hour, director of France’s Department of Underwater Archaeological Research and a shipwreck expert, said the timber appears to be a bowsprit, which is a spur or pole that extends from a vessel’s stem. It also seems to be attached to another structure below the lake bed, he said.

“All the details could be interpreted as part of a bowsprit and there’s no details which contract this hypothesis,” said

L’Hour, who dove to inspect the beam with two French colleagues Monday and Tuesday. “It’s why it’s the main hypothesis now. A bowsprit which has been buried in the sediment of the lake for many centuries.”

Commercial divers overseen by scientists last week began excavating at the base of the wooden beam, hoping to determine whether it is part of the *Griffin*. Steve Libert, a diver and shipwreck enthusiast who has searched three decades for the *Griffin*, discovered the timber in 2001 and recently obtained state and federal permits to probe beneath the surface.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Oil falls near \$98 a barrel before Bernanke speaks

**BANGKOK (AP)**—The price of oil fell Wednesday, before the conclusion of a U.S. Federal Reserve meeting. Benchmark oil for July delivery fell 13 cents to \$98.31 per barrel at midday Bangkok time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 67 cents to close at \$98.44 a barrel on the Nymex on Tuesday. To help support the U.S. economic recovery, the Fed has been buying \$85 billion in bonds every month in an attempt to keep long-term interest rates low and encourage lending. The new money generated has flowed into the financial system, helping many assets, including oil, to climb from the lows witnessed during the global recession following the 2008-2009 financial crisis. The Fed will follow the end of a





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# Asia

## US and Taliban to start talks on ending Afghanistan's war

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—The Taliban and the U.S. said Tuesday they will hold talks on finding a political solution to ending nearly 12 years of war in Afghanistan, as the international coalition formally handed over control of the country's security to the Afghan army and police.

The Taliban met a key U.S. demand by pledging not to use Afghanistan as a base to threaten other countries, although the Americans said they must also denounce al-Qaida.

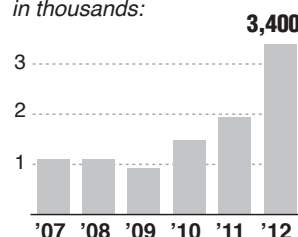
But President Barack Obama cautioned that the process won't be quick or easy. He described the opening of a Taliban political office in the Gulf nation of Qatar as an "important first step toward reconciliation" between the Islamic militants and the government of Afghanistan, and predicted there will be bumps along the way.

Obama, who was attending the G-8 summit in Northern Ireland, praised Afghan President Hamid Karzai for taking a courageous step by sending representatives to discuss peace with the Taliban.

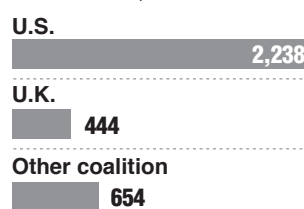
"It's good news. We're very pleased with what has taken place," U.S. Secretary of State

### Deaths in Afghan military

*Afghan forces are doing more fighting as they replace U.S.-led coalition troops; estimated deaths for Afghan army and police, in thousands:*



### Compared to total deaths for NATO coalition forces 2001-June 16, 2013



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John Kerry said in Washington. British Prime Minister David Cameron, whose country has the second-largest contingent of troops in Afghanistan after the U.S., called opening the office

"the right thing to do."

As the handover occurred, four U.S. troops were killed Tuesday at or near Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan, U.S. defense officials said. The officials said the four were killed by indirect fire, likely a mortar or rocket, but they had no other details. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to provide details on the deaths.

Officials with the Obama administration said the office in the Qatari capital of Doha was the first step toward the ultimate U.S.-Afghan goal of a full Taliban renunciation of links with al-Qaida, the reason why America invaded the country on Oct. 7, 2001, shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the United States.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on the record, said U.S. representatives will begin formal meetings with the Taliban in Qatar in a few days.

The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, said the only way to end the war was through a political solution.

## Bombing at Pakistani funeral kills 29

**PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)**—A suicide bomber blew himself up in a crowd of hundreds of mourners attending a funeral in northwestern Pakistan on Tuesday, killing 29 people. Among the dead was a newly elected lawmaker who may have been the target, authorities said.

The blast was the deadliest attack in the region since May 11 national and regional elections installed a new government in the northwestern province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The carnage poses a challenge for cricketer-turned-politician

Imran Khan, whose party won the provincial election there on a platform of negotiating with the Pakistani Taliban to bring an end to the years of fighting and attacks there.

The bombing in the village of Sher Garh near the city of Mardan killed 29 people and wounded at least 57, said a senior police officer in Mardan, Tahir Ayub Khan.

Pakistani TV channels showed footage of the bombing scene, splashed with blood and scattered body parts, as many of the survivors, their clothes soaked with blood, scrambled to

get away. Local residents comforted the families of the victims as they cried out in anguish and beat their chests.

"Are you Muslim?" screamed an eyewitness, Nisar Khan, addressing the attackers. "Are you animals? Are you beasts?"

Many of the wounded were taken to hospitals in the provincial capital of Peshawar, about 65 kilometers (40 miles) away.

Speaking as doctors were examining him, Azeem Khan said a local cleric was leading the funeral prayers when he heard a deafening explosion and was knocked to the ground.

## China bans private adoptions of abandoned infants

**BEIJING (AP)**—China has announced that individuals and groups are banned from privately adopting abandoned infants, in a country where tens of thousands are abandoned each year and where baby trafficking has been a perennial problem.

The Ministry of Civil Affairs announced Tuesday that people who find an abandoned child must immediately tell local residential committees and the police and not adopt the child at will.

The abandonment of children is a big problem in China. Its strict one-child policy—which limits most urban couples to one child and rural couples to two if their first-born is

a girl—and a traditional preference for male heirs result in the abandonment of girls and disabled children. Poverty and the social stigma for unwed mothers are also factors.

China's adoption law forbids baby trafficking and trafficking abandoned babies in the name of adoption, but doesn't mention whether individuals are allowed to keep abandoned babies. The new rules that forbid keeping such babies are outlined in a document from several government departments that was posted on the Ministry of Civil Affairs's website.

The new rules say people wanting to adopt must go through official channels and

meet requirements, which under Chinese law include being healthy, over 30 and childless.

People who use abandoned children for illegal and profitable ends will be severely punished, the rules say, without specifying.

The document also sets out measures that should be taken when an abandoned baby is found, requiring that police try to track down the parents or guardians, and transfer children to a government-sanctioned nursing home for temporary care if they fail. These homes should only take the children under official care if no guardian is found within a certain period.

# World

## 'Standing man' launches new protests



Erdem Gunduz, centre, stands silently on Taksim Square in Istanbul, Turkey, early Tuesday, June 18, 2013.

**ISTANBUL (AP)**—After weeks of sometimes violent confrontation with police, protesters in Turkey have found what could be a more potent form of resistance: standing still.

The trend was launched by performance artist Erdem Gunduz, who stood silently for hours in Istanbul's central Taksim Square on Monday night, in passive defiance of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's violent crackdown on environmental protesters at a park adjacent to Taksim. The square has been sealed off from protesters since police cleared it over the weekend, though pedestrians can still enter.

As Gunduz stood there, others gradually began to join him—and later to replicate his protest in other cities in a wave of imitation driven by social media.

### THE PERFORMANCE

Gunduz apparently made no announcement before he paused Monday evening in the square and didn't move. He stood with his hands in his pockets, staring at an image of Turkey's founding father Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, whose admiration is rooted in his success in imposing secular values on a largely Muslim nation after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire 90 years ago.

When police arrived an hour later, Turkish news media reported, they searched his pockets and his backpack, then left.

Gunduz stayed put. For hours.

When asked by reporters what he was doing, Turkish news agency Dogan said, he responded: "It's evident. The people are not being allowed into Taksim."

Witnesses began calling him "duran adam"—"standing man." Some joined him in Taksim, while others began doing the same in other Turkish cities. In Ankara, the capital, a woman stood still at the spot where a protester had been killed.

Early Tuesday morning, police intervened and dispersed the crowd around Gunduz, detaining several protesters. It wasn't clear whether Gunduz was among those arrested, though he was free later Tuesday. Later Tuesday, others returned and began silent vigils.

### STANDING MAN

Patrick Adams, an American freelance journalist, said his friend and neighbor is a dancer originally from Izmir, Turkey's third-largest city. Gunduz has a degree in fine arts, he said, and has been doing street performances for years.

Adams said he doesn't know Gunduz to be politically

active, but isn't surprised by his silent act.

"He's completely courageous," Adams said.

Adams said Gunduz sent him a message Tuesday to say that he was at home and doing fine. Gunduz couldn't be reached directly.

### THE EFFECT

Gunduz's act, amplified by social media, had a remarkably swift effect on the protests.

Erdogan appeared to be seizing the initiative after large weekend rallies in which he ordered Taksim Square to be cleared. The government has capitalized on sporadic scenes of violence amid the generally peaceful protest movement.

Gunduz's act of non-violence could be harder to deal with, as it could pressure the government to arrest or disperse people who are doing nothing more than standing still.

Interior Minister Muammer Guler said authorities wouldn't intervene against any demonstration that doesn't threaten public order, but that pledge could be tested quickly.

Activists called for a nationwide standing protest later Tuesday.

"We need to congratulate him (Gunduz)," said Ozgur Volkan, who joined the standing protesters in Taksim. "He started up a very great movement."

## Brazil protesters keep up pressure on government

**SAO PAULO (AP)**—About 50,000 protesters energetically returned to the streets of Brazil's biggest city Tuesday night, a demonstration of anger toward what they call a corrupt and inefficient government that has long ignored the demands of a growing middle class.

The protests were well organized via social media and mostly peaceful, like those the night before that drew 240,000 to the streets in several cities to demonstrate against the shoddy state of public transit, schools and other public services in this booming South

American giant. Many railed against a gap between Brazil's heavy tax burden and its notoriously poor infrastructure.

Demonstrations have ballooned from initial protests last week called by a group complaining about the high cost of a woeful public transport system and demanding a rollback of a 10-cent hike in bus and subway fares.

While the protests have grown, reversing that fare hike remains the one concrete demand emanating from the streets. The rest, so far, are expressions of deep anger and discontentment—not just with

the ruling government, but with the entire governing system. A common chant at the rallies has been "No parties!"

"What I hope comes from these protests is that the governing class comes to understand that we're the ones in charge, not them, and the politicians must learn to respect us," said Yasmine Gomes, a 22-year-old squeezed into the plaza in central Sao Paulo where Tuesday night's protest began.

Nearby, Bruno Barp, a 23-year-old law student said he had high hopes for the growing movement.



## Focus

# CBO: Senate's immigration bill would help US economy

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Sweeping immigration legislation moving toward a vote in the Senate would boost the economy and reduce federal deficits, the Congressional Budget Office said Tuesday, at the same time it would bestow legal status on an estimated 8 million immigrants living in the United States unlawfully.

In an assessment that drew cheers from the White House and other backers of the bill, Congress' scorekeeping agency said the measure would reduce federal red ink by \$197 billion across a decade, and \$700 billion in the following 10 years as increased taxes paid to the government offset the cost of government benefits for newly legal residents.

The White House quickly issued a statement saying the report was "more proof that bipartisan commonsense immigration reform will be good for economic growth and deficit reduction." Several members of the "Gang of Eight" senators who drafted the legislation also hastened to welcome the news.

The assessment came as the pace of activity increased at both ends of the Capitol on an issue that President Barack Obama has placed at the top of his domestic agenda.

Challenged by protesters chanting "shame, shame," House Republicans advanced legislation to crack down on immigrants living illegally in the United States, at the same time the Senate lurched ahead on a dramatically different approach offering the hope of citizenship to the same millions.

Republican Rep. Trey Gowdy of South Carolina said the bill approved by the House Judiciary Committee was part of a "step by step, increment by increment" approach to immigration, an issue that can pit Republican against Republican as much if not more than it divides the two political parties. The legislation was agreed to on a party-line vote of 20-15 late Tuesday.

California Democratic Rep. Zoe Lofgren predicted there would be "millions of American citizens taking to the street" in protest if Republicans pressed ahead with the bill. The measure permits state and local authorities to enforce federal immigration laws and requires mandatory detention for anyone in the country illegally who is convicted of drunk driving.

Despite the protests, approval by the GOP-led committee was a foregone conclusion. The panel's chairman, Rep. Robert Goodlatte, R-Va., said future bills would require companies to make sure their employees are living in the United States legally, create a program for foreign farm workers who labor in the United States and enhance the ability of American firms to hire highly skilled workers from overseas.

Those steps and more are already rolled into one sweeping measure in the Senate, a bipartisan bill that Obama supports and that appears on track for a final Senate vote as early as July 4.

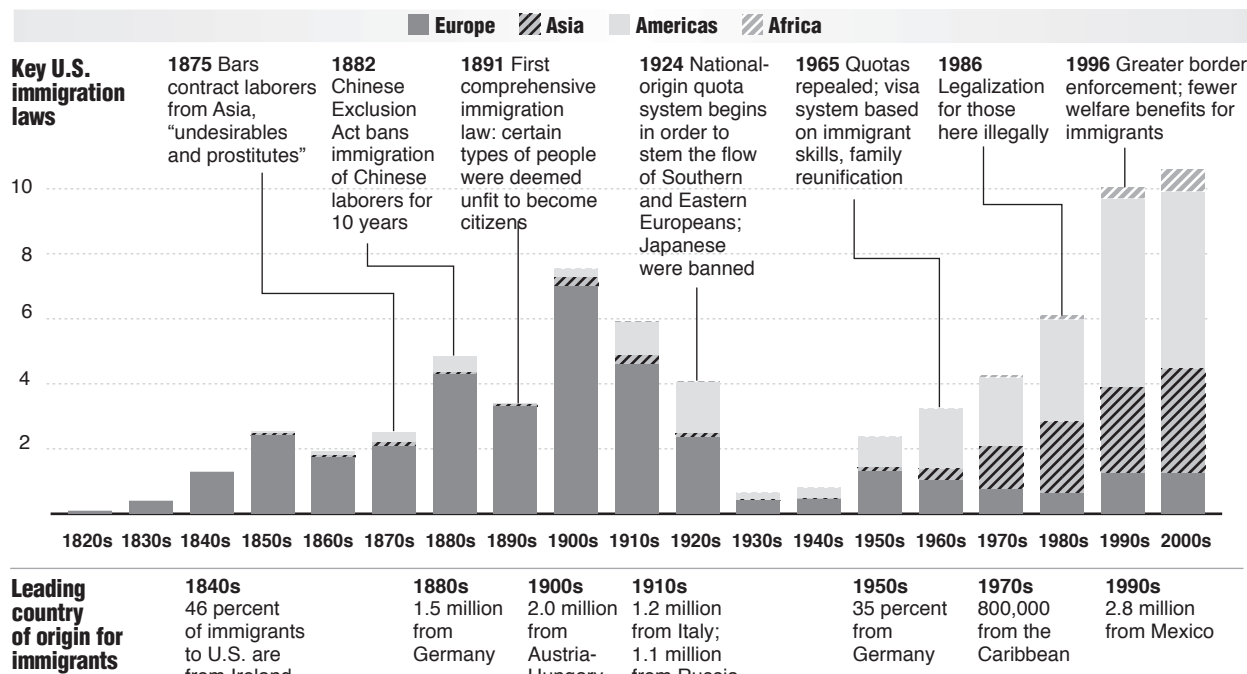
The CBO said in its report and accompanying economic analysis that the legislation would raise economic activity in each of the next two decades, in part because of the legal immigration fostered by the measure, and also be-



People shout out against the Strengthen and Fortify Enforcement Act in the hall outside the House Judiciary Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, June 18, 2013. The committee in the Republican-led House is preparing to cast its first votes on immigration this year, on a tough enforcement-focused measure that Democrats and immigrant groups are protesting loudly.

## U.S. laws and the changing flow of immigrants

U.S. immigration laws have attempted to restrict people from different world regions since the early 19th century. A look at some of those laws and how the flow of immigrants from world regions has changed. Chart shows people obtaining legal permanent resident status, in millions, by decade.



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cause millions of workers currently in the country illegally would join the legal workforce and pay taxes.

Not all the forecast was as favorable, though. CBO said average wages would decline through 2025 as a result of the bill, and that unemployment would go up slightly.

One critic quickly seized on the im-

act on pay. "It's going to raise unemployment and push down wages," Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said of the bill. He added: "The impact will be hardest for today's low-income Americans. Meanwhile, the 21 million Americans who can't find full-time work will have an ever harder time getting a job and supporting their families."

Supporters of the bill saw it differently.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, a New York Democrat and part of the Gang of Eight, said the CBO report "debunks the idea that immigration reform is anything other than a boon to our economy, and robs the bill's opponents of one of their last remaining arguments."

Sen. Marco Rubio, a Florida Repub-

lican and a co-author of the bill, said in a statement that the budget agency confirmed that "reforming our immigration system is a net benefit for our economy, American workers and taxpayers," although he said he hopes for changes before it comes to a final vote.

The report was issued near the end of a day of skirmishing on the Senate bill.

The Senate rejected a move by Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., to require the installation of 350 miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border before legalization can begin for anyone currently in the United States illegally.

Similarly, the Senate rejected a proposal by Sen. David Vitter, R-La., to prevent legalization until a biometric system is in place to track people entering or leaving the country through air, sea or land points of departure.

Those proposals were overshadowed by a larger debate over the types of border security requirements the legislation should contain. Republicans generally want to toughen the existing measure, particularly since the bill includes a 13-year path to citizenship for immigrants in the country illegally—a provision that sparks opposition from voters who could be influential in GOP primaries in next year's mid-term elections.

Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., told reporters that he and others want the government to demonstrate an ability to apprehend the vast majority of those attempting to enter the country illegally before anyone already present can take the first step toward possible citizenship.

Democrats have previously been unwilling to consider proposals along those lines, arguing they could postpone legalization for years if not longer. As drafted, the bill gives the government six months to develop a plan to achieve border security, but does not hold up legalization while it is being tested for effectiveness.

It was unclear what, if any, compromise is possible on that point. Agreement would greatly increase the bill's chances for passage with a large bipartisan vote.

The measure was drafted by a bipartisan Gang of Eight and represents a series of political trade-offs among senators as well as outside groups like business and labor, growers and farm workers. In addition to border security and a path to citizenship, it includes an expanded number of visas for highly skilled workers prized by the technology industry and a new program for low-skilled workers. It also features a top-to-bottom overhaul of a decades-old system for parceling out visas to future legal immigrants, reducing the importance of family ties while emphasizing education, job skills and youth.

Any talk of compromise in the House appeared distant as Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, sought to reassure conservatives who have expressed fears he will allow legislation to come up this summer that they oppose and Democrats support.

One official who attended the closed-door meeting quoted the Ohio Republican as saying he has no intention of allowing a bill to come up that would violate the principles of the GOP majority and split its ranks. The speaker also made clear that legislation must satisfy Republican concerns about border security, according to the official.



# Environment

## Natural burial is an eco-friendly option

By MARY BETH BRECKENRIDGE  
AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

**AKRON, Ohio**—Laura Buzzelli lived her life with a respect for the environment. So she wanted to show that same respect in death, too.

Buzzelli, who died of complications from cancer in March 2009, was buried in a nature preserve with no embalming, no elaborate casket and no burial vault.

It was her wish, which she expressed to her husband, Ken, about six weeks before she died.

“My first thought ... was, wow. This is really different. I don’t know,” recalled Ken Buzzelli, who lives in Brecksville, Ohio.

Now he embraces his wife’s decision to be buried at Foxfield Preserve, a natural burial ground adjacent to the Wilderness Center in southwestern Stark County, Ohio. He takes comfort in knowing the choice suited Laura, who loved nature, made her own garden compost and recycled long before others were doing it.

The Buzzellis are among a small but growing group who are eschewing conventional burial in favor of greener alternatives.

No statistics are available on natural burials, but “there’s definitely a move afoot,” said Joe Sehee, founder of the Green Burial Council. He points to a 2007 study by AARP, in which 21 percent of people 50 and older expressed a preference for green burial.

Baby boomers are likely to increase the demand, said Sara Starr, who works with families and promotes Foxfield Preserve as its steward.

Boomers are “very comfortable with breaking with convention,” she said. “I think the baby boom generation will want to die in the same way they lived.”

Sehee said green burial and natural burial are interchangeable terms for what his organization defines as a way of caring for the dead that furthers one or more environmental aims, such as reducing energy use or avoiding toxic chemicals. Advocates of natural burial generally reject the use of traditional embalming, metal caskets and burial vaults, but the concept embraces a wide range of options, he said.

Some consider it green to be buried in a grave with a liner—a concrete box used instead of a vault to enclose a casket—because the ingredients in concrete come from the Earth, he said. Some insist on burial only in a biodegradable enclosure, such as a natural-fiber shroud or a simple cardboard or wood casket with only natural finish-



Brek Patton Jacobson puts the lid on a pine casket at his shop in Kent, Ohio, on May 2, 2013.

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es and no metal parts. A small number, like Laura Buzzelli, choose their burial to be part of a larger plan to return a tract of land to its natural state.

No matter the method, the common goal is to de-industrialize death, Sehee said.

“We’re trying to find a way to honor the dead, heal the liv-

ing and invite in the divine,” he said.

While natural burial is a somewhat unusual choice in the United States, it’s hardly a new concept. Until the mid-19th century, most people were buried in plain wood coffins, and embalming was rare. That changed with the Civil

War, when the bodies of soldiers who died far from home needed to be preserved for transport and viewing.

Natural burial methods remain common in some cultures, including the Jewish and Islamic religions.

Many people think cremation is the only option to conventional burial, but they don’t realize embalming and caskets aren’t required by Ohio law, said Rick Bissler, a funeral director with Bissler & Sons in Kent. Neither are metal burial vaults or concrete grave liners, although most cemeteries require one or the other to prevent the earth

from settling and perhaps giving way under the heavy equipment used for grave digging and maintenance, he said.

Bissler said his funeral home can use refrigeration in lieu of embalming to preserve a body for up to about 10 days until burial. A viewing is still possible, but Bissler’s will hold one only on the day of the funeral. That’s because the casket can’t be refrigerated, and the body can’t reasonably be removed from it and then returned, he explained.

Dry ice can be used to ship an unembalmed body, but Bissler said the logistics can be com-

plicated because airlines require an unembalmed body to reach its final destination in one day.

He said it’s possible to bury in an earth-friendly way, even in a conventional cemetery. A shrouded body or biodegradable casket can be placed inside a bottomless grave liner, and then the liner can be filled with earth and topped with a concrete cover. That method exposes the body to the earth but also provides the structure the cemetery requires, he explained.

Natural burial saves on the cost of a metal casket and embalming fees, which Foxfield notes can total \$5,000 or more. But the burial itself may not be cheaper, Bissler noted.

Foxfield Preserve’s burial prices, for example, start at \$4,200, including opening and closing of the grave. That price includes a \$1,600 donation to The Wilderness Center to support its conservation efforts.

By comparison, burial at Kent’s public Standing Rock Cemetery costs \$1,800—\$500 for the grave, \$500 to open and close it and \$800 for a liner, Bissler said. Burial in private cemeteries is usually more expensive.

Foxfield, however, is different from a cemetery in that part of its mission is conservation and land preservation. It comprises 43 acres of former farmland, which are reverting to a forested area and two prairies.

Other than the gentle mounds of newer graves and some flat markers made from unpolished natural stone, there’s little evidence that Foxfield Preserve is a burial site. Young trees dot the section that will eventually grow into a forest, and grasses and wildflowers sprout from the two prairies.



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A simple grave is part of the landscape at the Foxfield Preserve, a cemetery at The Wilderness Center in Wilnot, Ohio.

## An unexpected lesson in Antarctic ice melt

By MONTE MORIN  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

It’s called calving, and it occurs when enormous chunks of ice burst free from glaciers or floating ice shelves and drop into the sea with an explosive, heart-stopping crash.

This process, which produces icebergs, has long been viewed as the primary mechanism for ice loss along the continent of Antarctica.

Now however, scientists say calving is only half the story.

In what is being described as the first comprehensive survey of all Antarctic ice shelves, a study published Friday in the journal *Science* reports that 55 percent of the ice loss is due to melting at the base of these vast ice sheets.

“We find that iceberg calving is not the dominant process of ice removal,” wrote Eric Rignot, a professor of earth system science at the University of California, Irvine. “Ice shelves melt mostly from the bottom before they even form icebergs.”

Ice shelves are permanent sheets of floating ice that cling to land masses. They are found mostly in the Antarctic.

The study’s conclusions were based on ice thickness data collected by NASA’s Operation Ice Bridge, a six-year program that uses satellites, aircraft, radio echo sounding and other means to survey ice cover on both of Earth’s poles.

Researchers found that basal melting in Antarctic ice shelves accounted for roughly

1,325 gigatons of melted ice per year, while calving accounted for 1,089 gigatons.

That melting however does not translate to a direct loss of Antarctic ice. Many ice shelves are near equilibrium, the authors wrote. Others were gaining more ice while others were losing overall ice.

Due to a number of factors, including geography and wind patterns, the North and South poles are experiencing opposite trends in sea ice.

The extent of summer sea ice in the Arctic has declined significantly over the last 30 years, while sea ice cover has been growing in Antarctica. However, the growth of sea ice in the south has not been as large as the loss of sea ice in the north.



# Life & Style

By **LEANNE ITALIE**  
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**N**EW YORK (AP)—No kids, one kid, four kids: There's no end to the debate over why people decide on a certain number.

But is one family configuration more scrutinized than another? Lauren Sandler thinks so.

She delves into the myths and misconceptions about singletons in a new book, "One and Only," out this month from Simon & Schuster. And she feels strongly about the subject, as a journalist and an only child raising an only child with her photographer husband, who's one of two.

The choice of one, the Brooklyn mom said, is often demonized and the pull to have more is strong at times. Based on scores of interviews with academics and only children, the book wasn't intended as memoir, though Sandler's family—her "lean team" of three—is woven throughout.

While she's content and confident her 5-year-old daughter is doing great, Sandler hasn't escaped the conflict. Her reaction when her husband suggests he get a vasectomy drives home the turmoil.

"I burst into tears, run up to our bedroom, and throw myself onto the pillows like a heartsick teenager," she writes.

"Despite all the rational information that supports my reluctance to have another kid, all the research demonstrating that only children are fine, all the data suggesting the additional sacrifices another kid would require, making the choice not to have another child is still fraught with conflict. It's an emotional struggle that, it turns out, no set of numbers and analysis can erase."

A conversation with Lauren Sandler:

**AP: How has research on raising only children changed in recent years?**

**Sandler:** I don't think it's really changed. What keeps happening is people keep retesting, saying, 'Oh, how could it possibly be true that all of these studies from all of these years ago have said that only children are just fine.' And so they retest and then they find out, 'Oh yeah, only children are fine.'

**AP: So where does the notion come from that only children are lonely, selfish and maladjusted?**

**Sandler:** I've been puzzling over this for three years, and the best I can come up with is this sort of three-pronged answer.

No. 1, it was a story that needed to develop in an evolutionary biology sense, that in order to thrive as a species we had to have more of us, so that was

## New book explores the not-so-miserable only child



This June 17, 2013 photo released courtesy of Lauren Sandler shows, from left, Justin Lane, Lauren Sandler and Dahlia Lane at their home in the Brooklyn borough of New York. Inset, this book cover image released by Simon & Schuster shows "One and Only: The Freedom of Having an Only Child, and the Joy of Being One," by Lauren Sandler.

important. And then we were an agrarian society, and in an agrarian society children were a work force and a life insurance policy, and if you wanted your family to thrive you needed to have a bigger one.

But then the Industrial Revolution came around, then the women's movement came around. We didn't really come to terms with what women's freedom looks like, and we didn't really come to terms with how much society had changed, and so we kept telling this story. I've talked to researchers who think that it's a story that people need to tell because having more kids is hard and you need to feel like there's a reason behind it.

**AP: Is there an underlying discrimination in the culture against only children?**

**Sandler:** I was having a conversation with an only child I met and she was telling me that about 10 years ago she was in a job interview and her lack of siblings came up, and the person she was interviewing with, the boss of this company, said, 'I'm sorry, I don't hire only children.' And that was that.

Can you imagine if she was any other group? I'm sure it's illegal but I'm sure that no one even thinks about it in terms of being illegal because we're not a race. We're not any standard

minority group. We just happen to be this group of people that the world has decided is a certain way even though hundreds of studies and decades and decades of research have shown that we just aren't all that different.

**AP: What drives that nagging pull to have more?**

**Sandler:** I think that as parents we want our kids to be happy and to thrive. We want our families to be happy, and we have society telling us if you have one kid, your kid's going to be really unhappy. You're going to have a miserable misfit of a child, but if you give your child a sibling you will have a happy family.

The data tells us that most people have their first child for themselves and the second child for the benefit of their first. I feel like if you want two kids, three kids, five kids, no kids, great. Do what your heart tells you but don't do what society is whispering in your ear, especially when it's based on such fallacy.

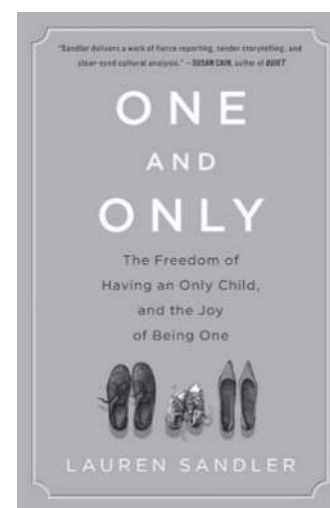
**AP: When you're raising only one, everyone seems to want a say. As an only yourself who is raising an only do you feel you're under a spotlight in that respect?**

**Sandler:** If you choose not to have a child, like many people I know, then society may mumble

and grumble about how you're not fully a woman, you're a selfish person, and you're going to mess up a 'defenseless child' by

not giving them a sibling.

I think that that feeling, that you are making a bad call and it's going to hurt a child, is



enough so that people feel like they can go from beaming at your adorable child in the subway or in the supermarket line to shaking their head and saying they wouldn't do that to their child, which is a line that I've heard a lot.

**AP: In light of all the positives you've rounded up on the benefits of having an only child, including the financial benefits, you seem to remain conflicted about it. Can you explain that a bit?**

**Sandler:** I know my daughter would be a great big sister and I love babies, and I love being a parent more than I ever thought that I would. I love the delicious closeness that you have with a small child, and you know, my kid's 5. I know that type of delicious intensity with a small kid is eroding. I know that that's going to come to an end. That makes me feel like, 'All right, I'm pretty sure that this is what's going to be the best choice for the three of us,' but I'm always open to the idea of change, or the notion that the heart can swerve.

## Bill O'Reilly brings history to page, screen

**RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—**Fox News host Bill O'Reilly is taking his book-turned-movie franchise and running with it.

O'Reilly already has inked a deal with National Geographic Channel for the movie version of his book "Killing Jesus: A History" being published Sept. 24. And he's got three similar books in the works.

While he declined to divulge the topics, the upcoming projects will make "very, very dramatic history come alive on the page and then in the movies," O'Reilly said in an interview with The Associated Press on the Richmond set of "Killing Kennedy," the film adaptation of his book about President John F. Kennedy's 1963 assassination. The film featuring Rob Lowe as the former president and Ginnifer Goodwin as the first lady is expected to air around the 50th anniversary of the shooting later this year.

"We consider ourselves historical investigators," O'Reilly

said of himself and researcher Martin Dugard. "We go and try to find new stuff and try to bring you a really vivid picture of who these people really were. ... I don't have an agenda at all, I mean I just want to know the facts."

In the beginning O'Reilly said the books were a "hard sell" to publishers, "but I said we're going to bring a different sensibility to it. And boom." The books have sold millions of copies.

The former history teacher also has published children's versions of his books because he was bothered that kids are "just not paying attention and not caring about history anymore."

"You have to force the urchins to look at their country and understand they're in America and here's what happened, and we're trying to make it fun for them to do it," O'Reilly said.

The film versions of his books have allowed O'Reilly to take on a behind-the-camera

role, executive producing the movies. But he insists he's not a meddler.

"I'm a creative guy and I don't like meddling in my writing or my broadcasting," O'Reilly said. "They run stuff by me but I'm a 90-percenter ... they know what they're doing. It's a successful machine, so why do I want to muck it up? ... They can take a little bit of a creative liberty to move the narrative, but they can't change the facts. And it's as simple as that."

As far as his nightly TV program, the 63-year-old O'Reilly said he'll continue to do it "as long as it's worthwhile."

O'Reilly touted his program's ability to help raise money for charitable organizations as the one of the major motivations to stay on the air.

"I'm in it for that more than the self-aggrandizement at this point," he said. "I've proven what I had to prove. I still enjoy doing my job but it's a lot of work for an old guy."



# Stuntwoman sues News Corp. over alleged phone hack

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A woman who worked as a stunt double for Angelina Jolie sued Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. in Los Angeles on Tuesday, claiming she's a victim of a phone hacking scheme to obtain information about the actress.

Eunice Huthart, of Liverpool, England, is the first person to sue the media company in the U.S.

Her New York attorney, Norman Siegel, said, "This is the beginning and we're going to go one step at a time." He said the suit speaks for itself on the reasons it was filed in Los Angeles. It claimed Huthart's phone was hacked while she was working with Jolie on Hollywood films including "Mr. & Mrs. Smith."

She said that was how the Sun newspaper learned that Jolie and Brad Pitt were "an item." A News Corp. spokesman declined to comment.

Huthart, who became a close friend of Jolie and is the godmother to her first biological child, said she was unaware that she was a victim of the phone hackers until British police came to see her last year.

She said the intrusion which removed messages from her cellphone caused distress in her family life and caused her to miss calls from Jolie.

The lawsuit cited numerous references to the United King-



In this March 12, 2000 file photo, Actress Angelina Jolie arrives at the 6th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles.

dom phone hacking scandal involving News Corp. companies and claims numerous grounds for damages. A mon-

etary figure was not specified, but it asked that the companies be assessed damages based on the profits they made from the

stories on Jolie. It also seeks punitive damages.

The lawsuit also names as defendants News Corp. entities News International Ltd. and News Group Newspapers Ltd., and unidentified private investigators and journalists.

The case is the first hacking-related lawsuit against News Corp. in the U.S. and is the culmination of a lengthy search for a plaintiff who would take on the company in

a U.S. court room.

Siegel, Huthart's lead lawyer, has been on the hunt for evidence of News Corp. hacking on U.S. soil since the scandal broke in July 2011. Siegel, who has represented Sept. 11 victims' families in civil cases, sent a letter nearly two years ago to the FBI demanding an inquiry into whether 9/11 victims' phones had been hacked by News Corp. journalists.

Siegel was later retained by

British attorney Mark Lewis, who has represented hacking victims in the U.K.

Since the scandal broke in the summer of 2011, News Corp. has spent \$388 million in settlements, legal fees, and other costs associated with ongoing investigations in the U.K. Last year, the company settled 36 lawsuits by hacking victims including actor Jude Law and soccer player Ashley Cole.

## James Franco seeks \$500,000 in crowd-funding

NEW YORK (AP)—Following crowd-funding campaigns from "Veronica Mars" and Zach Braff, James Franco is trying to raise \$500,000 to bankroll a trilogy of movies.

Franco on Monday night started a campaign on Indiegogo, a crowd-funding alternative to Kickstarter that allows people to keep the money they raise even if the project doesn't come to fruition. Franco isn't trying to direct the films; he's raising money so that a collection of young filmmakers can adapt his 2011 short story collection, "Palo Alto."

"Because of who I am, people often believe that it is easy to find investors and distributors for my films," wrote Franco.

"Unfortunately, things aren't that easy. More times than not, I have put in my own money to produce my films and my student's films. However, this time it's different. We need more funding, I will still fund part of it but I need of your help, filming three feature films back-to-back requires more funding than I can give."

Franco pledges to donate any profits from the films to Art of Elysium, a nonprofit that encourages entertainers to visit children with serious medical conditions. Levels of contribution range from \$10 for copies of the screenplays to \$10,000, which gets dinner with Franco and an executive producer credit.

The three films—titled "Me-

moria," "Yosemite" and "Killing Animals"—will pull from stories Franco wrote about his California hometown. Directing will be Bruce Thierry Cheung, Gabrielle Demeestere, Nina Ljeti and Vladimir de Fontenay, all of whom are current or former students from New York University, where Franco attended the film program.

Franco, who currently stars in the apocalyptic comedy "This Is the End," has directed a number of feature films. He premiered his William Faulkner adaptation "As I Lay Dying" at the Cannes Film Festival in May.

The campaign didn't immediately take off like those did for "Veronica Mars" and Braff's film. As of late Tuesday morning, it had pulled in \$22,000, with 30 days to go before the campaign closes on July 17.

## Seth Rogen on reshooting 'This Is the End' finale

NEW YORK (AP)—This is the end. Unless that is the end.

Since opening last week, the apocalyptic comedy "This Is the End" has earned \$33 million at the box office, making it one of the biggest hit comedies of the year. But despite its name, the rapture riot by writer-directors Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg

struggled to find its conclusion, and even had to reshoot the film's final absurdist minutes.

(The rest of this article discusses the movie's ending, so avert your eyes if you'd like your laughs unspoiled.)

In "This Is the End," a fiery apocalypse arrives while Rogen, James Franco, Jay Baruchel and others (all playing themselves) are at Franco's Hollywood Hills home for a party. Some of the public has been raptured into heaven, but the actors are left to fend off demons while supplies dwindle and their Hollywood friendships fray.

Eventually they realize that they, too, can make it into heaven if they redeem themselves with altruistic acts. Some die horribly, but "This Is the End" originally concluded after two of the friends are beamed up into heaven. But when the film was test screened, audiences were miffed at not following the characters into the great beyond.

"Overwhelmingly people were like, 'What happens in heaven? What happens in heaven?'" Rogen said in a recent interview. "We had shown people so much crazy (expletive), we didn't expect them to want more."

The filmmakers quickly realized they had blundered. Rogen and Goldberg (who also co-wrote "Superbad" and "Pineapple Express") had actually first scripted a heaven scene,

but cut it because they thought it was cheesy. (It featured smoking weed with Elvis and dancing with Marilyn Monroe.)

The two went back to the scene and brainstormed a new version. They came up with an answer to all their troubles: the Backstreet Boys. The film ends with a cameo from the band performing "Everybody (Backstreet's Back)" among the clouds at the pearly gates. (The tune also plays earlier in the film when Seth and Jay are hanging out.)

Though all five members of the boy band are still alive, they've presumably been raptured into heaven. In a movie that playfully and continuously ups the surrealism, it's a final flourish of ridiculousness. When the group was approached about doing the cameo, the trailer for "This Is the End" was already out online.

"They had actually seen it," says Rogen. "So when we called them and asked them to be in it, they already knew what the movie was and existed and were excited about it. So it was actually really not that hard. They were super psyched about it."

Whereas the upcoming Brad Pitt zombie thriller "World War Z" has made headlines for having to redo its entire third act with a \$20 million-plus reshoot, Rogen and Goldberg reshot their ending with considerably less fanfare.

## CHART TOPPERS

The top 10 songs and albums on the iTunes Store for the week ending June 17, 2013:

### TOP SONGS

1. "Blurred Lines (feat. T.I. & Pharrell)," Robin Thicke
2. "Radioactive," Imagine Dragons
3. "Get Lucky (feat. Pharrell Williams)," Daft Punk
4. "Can't Hold Us (feat. Ray Dalton)," Ryan Lewis, Macklemore
5. "Here's To Never Growing Up," Avril Lavigne
6. "Boys 'Round Here (feat. Pistol Annies & Friends)," Blake Shelton
7. "Cruise (Remix) (feat. Nelly)," Florida Georgia Line
8. "Come & Get It," Selena Gomez
9. "My Songs Know What You Did in the Dark (Light Em Up)," Fall Out Boy
10. "Just Give Me a Reason (feat. Nate Ruess)," Pink

### TOP ALBUMS

1. "13 (Deluxe Version)," Black Sabbath
2. "Random Access Memories," Daft Punk
3. "The 20/20 Experience," Justin Timberlake
4. "The Wack Album," The Lonely Island
5. "Night Visions," Imagine Dragons
6. "Here's to the Good Times," Florida Georgia Line
7. "Man of Steel," Hans Zimmer

8. "The Heist," Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
9. "Magnetic," The Goo Goo Dolls
10. "The Great Gatsby (Music from Baz Luhrmann's Film)," Various Artists

The top iPhone and iPad apps on App Store for the week ending June 17, 2013:

### TOP PAID IPHONE APPS

1. WhatsApp Messenger (WhatsApp Inc.)
2. Heads Up! (Warner Bros.)
3. Facetime (Lightricks Ltd.)
4. Minecraft - Pocket Edition (Mojang)
5. SpongeBob Moves In (Nickelodeon)
6. Kingdom Rush Frontiers (Ironhide Game Studio)
7. AfterLight (Simon Filip)
8. Plants vs. Zombies (PopCap)
9. Camera+ (tap tap tap)
10. Survivalcraft (Igor Kalicinski)

### TOP FREE IPHONE APPS

1. Candy Crush Saga, (King.com Limited)
2. Vine (Vine Labs Inc.)
3. Despicable Me: Minion Rush (Gameloft)
4. Dumb Ways to Die (Metro Trains Melbourne Pty Ltd.)
5. Toca Hair Salon 2 (Toca Boca AB)
6. Hi Guess the Brand (Man Zhang)
7. Snapchat (Snapchat Inc.)
8. Trucker Parking 3D (Tapinator LLC)

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9. YouTube (Google Inc.)
10. Instagram (Burbn Inc)

### TOP PAID IPAD APPS

1. SpongeBob Moves In (Nickelodeon)
2. Minecraft - Pocket Edition (Mojang)
3. Kingdom Rush Frontiers HD (Ironhide Game Studio)
4. Plants vs. Zombies HD (PopCap)
5. Doc McStuffins: Time For Your Check Up! (Disney)
6. Survivalcraft (Igor Kalicinski)
7. Man of Steel HD (Warner Bros.)
8. Pages (Apple)
9. Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic (Aspyr Media Inc.)
10. iMovie (Apple)

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5. Trucker Parking 3D (Tapinator LLC)
6. YouTube (Google Inc.)
7. Hair Salon - Fun Kids Games (George CL)
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## Bieber behind wheel as car hits man in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Video shows Justin Bieber running into a photographer with his white Ferrari in Hollywood, but police say there was no crime and the injuries aren't life-threatening.



**Bieber**

Bieber's car collided with the person at 11:45 p.m. Monday on Sunset Boulevard.

Valenzuela says nobody was cited or arrested and officers determined no crime was committed.

He says investigators are

trying to determine whether the pedestrian was in the roadway.

A video posted by TMZ.com shows Bieber getting into a Ferrari. He's surrounded by paparazzi and as the car drives off, one falls to the ground and grips his knee.

A request for comment from Bieber's publicist, Melissa Victor, was not immediately returned.

## Selma Blair abruptly exits 'Anger Management'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Selma Blair is making a sudden exit from the Charlie Sheen sitcom "Anger Management."

In a statement Tuesday, producer Lionsgate says the actress won't be returning to the FX comedy. The company says it wishes her "the very best" but has no further comment.

Blair's departure comes while the comedy is about halfway through completing its 90-episode order from FX.

The actress's publicist didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. Sheen's manager, Mark Burg, declined comment, as did FX.

The sitcom represents Sheen's TV series comeback after he was fired from CBS' "Two and a Half Men" in 2011 after clashing with producers.

Sheen has an ownership stake in "Anger Management."

Blair played a therapist and colleague to Sheen's character on the show. Sunday is her 41st birthday.

In this Oct. 27, 2011 file photo, actress Selma Blair arrives at amfAR's Inspiration Gala in Los Angeles.

AP



## Mariah Carey, Nicki Minaj to perform at BET Awards



NEW YORK (AP)—Mariah Carey and Nicki Minaj will take the stage at the BET Awards.

BET announced Tuesday that India.Arie and Ciara will join the former "American Idol" judges as performers at the June

This May 16, 2013 file photo shows Mariah Carey at the "American Idol" finale at the Nokia Theatre at L.A. Live in Los Angeles.

AP

## Diving great Greg Louganis to marry in fall



**Louganis**

NEW YORK (AP)—Former Olympic diving champion Greg Louganis plans to get married this year.

People magazine says the 53-year-old Louganis will marry paralegal Johnny Chaillot.

The four-time gold medalist is the only man to win consecutive Olympic titles in springboard and platform diving—in 1984 at Los Angeles and 1988 at Seoul.

After his diving career ended, Louganis revealed he was gay in 1994 and announced he was HIV-positive a year later.

Louganis is helping Olympic hopefuls as an athlete mentor for USA Diving. He's also been featured as a coach on ABC's reality diving competition "Splash."

## Mom should keep kids away from their gun-toting grandpa

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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*Dear Abby*

**DEAR ABBY:** The letter you printed from "Gun-Shy in South Carolina" (March 5), about the antics of her gun-toting, alcoholic father-in-law, caught my attention. I'm a former mental health clinician and program inspector. I discussed that letter with a friend who is a psychiatrist.

"Grandpa" has probably already violated a municipal ordinance regarding discharging a firearm in corporate limits. I agree with you that he has endangered his grandchildren. My friend advised that, according to the local interpretation of mental health statutes, Grandpa might be eligible for involuntary commitment and evaluation in a psychiatric facility. He could be disarmed by the police, if necessary.

"Gun-Shy" should heed her motherly instincts, stay home and refuse to visit Grandpa until he enters treatment. Otherwise there's a high probability that she will mourn the loss of one or more dead children.

Grandpa seems to think that booze and guns make him brave. A brave person is a military medic, a member of the U.S. Coast Guard and the thousands of first responders who demonstrate their bravery by saving human lives, not threatening them. In fact, many Medal of Honor recipients earn the award not by the number of enemies killed, but lives saved.

RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNER IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR RESPONSIBLE:** I agree. Some readers felt I should have been tougher in my response, and that Gun-Shy and her children should not visit Grandpa at all. Failure to act on her fears is called child endangerment and could result in the children being taken away. Readers let me have it with both barrels:

**DEAR ABBY:** Your answer to "Gun-Shy" was off the mark! As a vet and former law enforcement officer, I think the whole family is in "wimp" mode. For adults to watch a drunk adult fire a gun in the air around his family and not call 911 was ignorant and dangerous. ALL states have laws about firing guns in the air (illegal), firing guns while drunk (illegal), unsecured loaded weapons (illegal), and firing guns around children in a home environment (illegal). That jerk should have been arrested!

SMOKEY IN FLORIDA

**DEAR ABBY:** Thank you for reminding your readers that when someone shoots a gun into the air, the bullet comes down somewhere. A child near my hometown died last New Year's Eve when she stepped outside with her grandmother to watch the fireworks and a bullet fell to earth and lodged in her brain. The police believe the gun may have been fired from a few miles away.

CHRISTINA IN MARYLAND

**DEAR ABBY:** Why didn't you suggest a family intervention for the grandfather's alcoholism? The family could be helped by going to Al-Anon to learn how to detach with love from his disease. Alcoholics need to understand how their drinking affects them and others. Possible estrangement from his grandchildren might be a way to break through his denial.

STEVE C. IN SAN FRANCISCO

**DEAR ABBY:** My friend Michelle died last July Fourth. She was killed because someone fired a gun into the air. She was beautiful, talented and left behind a fiancée, a mother, a sister and many friends. She was receiving her Ph.D., was a brilliant researcher for the CDC and had just picked up her wedding gown. She was the victim of a senseless act caused by someone's carelessness.

MARSHA IN MICHIGAN

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## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Edward Furlong charged with assault in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Terminator 2" star Edward Furlong has been charged with assault after a May 21 incident in which his girlfriend called police and reported he attacked her. Deputy District Attorney Linda Lofffield says Furlong pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Tuesday. Furlong already has two pending misdemeanor battery cases. He allegedly violated a restraining order when he returned to the victim's West Hollywood home. He's also accused of damaging a laptop and photo equipment. In March, the 35-year-old actor was sentenced to six months in jail for violating his probation in a 2010 case for violating a similar restraining order.

Furlong has been the subject of such orders taken out by both his ex-wife and ex-girlfriend. He is being held on \$100,000 bail.

### Lil Wayne: I'm not stepping on US flag in video

NEW YORK (AP)—Lil Wayne says he wasn't intentionally stepping on the American flag when shooting his latest video. Video of the rapper from his music video shoot for the song "God Bless Amerika" hit the Web on Monday. In it, he appears to be stepping on top of the American flag. But he said in a Facebook post Tuesday the flag on the ground will not appear in the clip. He writes it was never his intention "to desecrate the flag of the United States of America." He says the flag will reveal a group of people behind him in the video. The New Orleans-based rapper says in the statement his environment helped shape the way he views America and his song and video represent the people he grew up with.

A preliminary hearing is set for July 1.

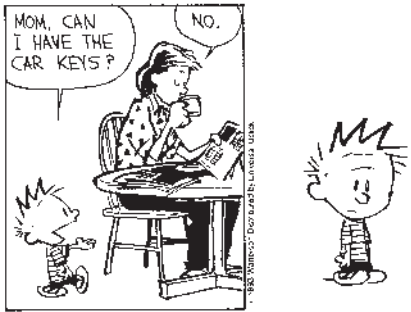
### Jodi Arias TV movie airs Saturday on Lifetime

PHOENIX (AP)—A made-for-television movie on Jodi Arias is scheduled to air this weekend. "Jodi Arias: Dirty Little Secret" is set to be shown Saturday on Lifetime, but the movie won't be about the trial. Screenwriter Richard Blaney wrote the script with Gregory Small. Blaney told The Arizona Republic the project was in the works more than a year ago. He says they completed the script in December. That was the same month that Arias' televised trial started in the brutal 2008 slaying of her ex-boyfriend, Travis Alexander, a Mesa motivational speaker. Small says they didn't anticipate the trial getting as much attention as it did. A jury convicted Arias of first-degree murder in May but couldn't reach a decision on whether she should live or die.



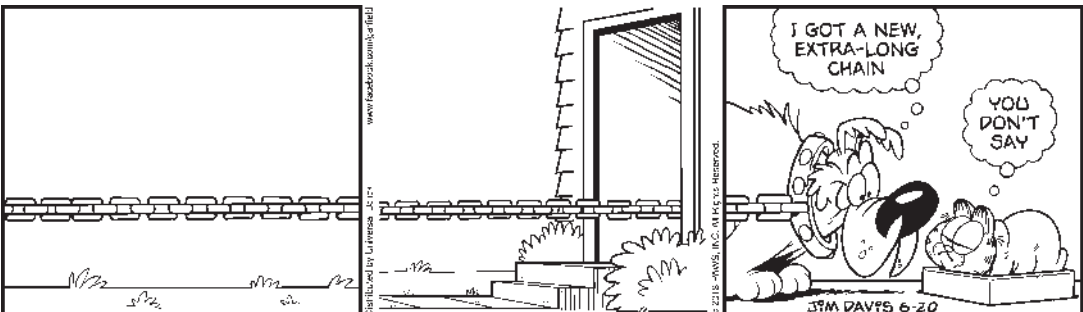
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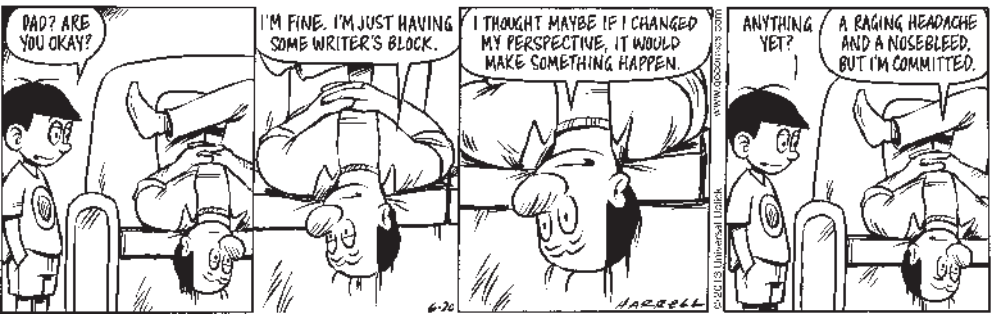


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Yesterday's answer 6-20

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Dreama Walker, 27; Nicole Kidman, 46; John Goodman, 61; Lionel Richie, 64

Happy Birthday: Consider the changes that will make your life better and start the process of self-improvement. Good communication will help you bring in any help you might require. Collaborating with people you respect will also lead to ongoing opportunities that will enable you to explore all your skills and talents. Self-improvement projects will pay off. Love is in the stars. Your numbers are 7, 13, 16, 21, 29, 35, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make a deal that counts. Look over your investments, a contract or a settlement or close a deal. Rearrange your living space to suit your needs. Expand your interests and your friendships. Personal changes will boost your confidence. \*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Share your emotions and offer your support to those in need. Romance is highlighted and a close encounter is likely if you watch for the signals that someone is sending you. A short trip or attending an event will raise your profile. \*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep an even disposition regardless of what you encounter. An argument will not solve anything and will probably be based on false information. Bring about positive change that will improve your community or help you advance. \*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your drive and determination will impress someone. Love and romance are on the rise, and being a participant will help you explore new possibilities. Self-improvement will lead to compliments

and opportunities. An innovative idea of yours should be presented. \*\*\*\*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep your thoughts a secret but explore new possibilities. Making a change at home will encourage a new beginning or lifestyle, but doing so with great thought and finesse will be required if you want to be successful. \*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An unusual connection or information will help you view life differently. Opening up about the way you feel or regarding a cause you believe in will bring you greater experience and know-how to find solutions. Don't let what others do discourage you. \*\*\*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use who you know and what you know to get ahead. Expect someone to interfere, and be prepared to outmaneuver anyone who tries to come between you and your success. An original approach coupled with Libra charm should help you get ahead. \*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make changes at home that are conducive to pursuing a goal you set. Living in an unusual setting or adjusting your routine will give you a chance to explore something you love to do. Romance is on the rise. \*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Fight for what you want but don't exaggerate in order to get it. Excess will lead to trouble. Sizing down and cutting back will bring you greater freedom to enjoy the people, pastimes and places you enjoy most. \*\*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look for the best deal and you will find it. Spending

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more time with peers will help you become more diverse with work-related projects. Avoid any impulsive moves involving relationships or your home. Offer help and a reward will follow. \*\*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do your research, learn all you can, explore your options and mingle with people who have something to offer. A problem with regard to your position must be handled uniquely and with consideration. A change of location may be required. \*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Express minimalism in all that you do. Find a way to get more for less using creativity and a hands-on attitude. You will impress someone who offers love and support if you live in the moment and act with compassion. Love is highlighted. \*\*\*\*\*

Birthday Baby: You are generous, sensitive and emotional. You are compassionate, changeable and enticing.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

Difficulty Level ★★★

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORDS. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Yesterday's Answer: Shuck

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versus	SUMMONS
JOSE FRANCISCO A. SANTIAGO, Respondent.	

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# James, Heat beats Spurs in OT; Game 7 next



**MIAMI (AP)**—LeBron James saved a championship reign, canceled a celebration.

The toughest part now might be topping this performance in Game 7.

"It's by far the best game I've ever been a part of," James said.

He wouldn't let the Miami Heat lose it—or their NBA title.

If the San Antonio Spurs want that, they'll have to fight just a little harder to get it. One last game, winner take all.

James powered Miami to a frantic fourth-quarter rally and overtime escape as the Heat beat the Spurs 103-100 on Tuesday night to extend the NBA Finals as far as they can go and keep Miami's repeat chances alive.

Losing his headband but keeping his cool while playing the entire second half and overtime, James finished with 32 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists, making the go-ahead basket with 1:43 remaining in the extra period.

So close to being eliminated that they noticed officials bringing yellow tape out to block off the court for the Spurs' trophy presentation, the Heat hit a couple of big 3-pointers, got some defensive stops, and did everything else that makes great teams champions.

"We seen the championship board already out there, the yellow tape. And you know, that's why you play the game to the final buzzer," James said. "And that's what we did tonight. We gave it everything that we had and more."

Tim Duncan scored 30 points for the Spurs, his most in an NBA Finals game since Game 1 in 2003, but was shut out after the third quarter. He added 17 rebounds.

Game 7 will be here Thursday, the NBA's first do-or-die matchup to determine its champion since the Lakers beat the Celtics in 2010.

"They're the best two words in sports: Game 7," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

And two the Spurs were oh-so-close to avoiding.

They looked headed to a fifth title in five chances when they built a 13-point lead with under 4 minutes left in the third quarter, then grabbed a five-point edge with 28 seconds left in regulation after blowing the lead.

But James hit a 3-pointer and Ray Allen tied it with another. Just 5.2 seconds remained in regulation. The Heat were that close to the edge.

"It's a tough moment. We were a few seconds away from winning the championship and we let it go," Spurs veteran Manu Ginobili said. "A couple



Miami Heat guard Ray Allen (34) aims a three point shot as San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker (9) defends during Game 6 of the NBA Finals basketball game, Wednesday, June 19, 2013 in Miami. Allen's shot sent the game into overtime. The Heat defeated the Spurs 103-100.

rebounds we didn't catch, a tough 3 by Ray and a couple missed free throws. It's a very tough moment."

James was just 3 of 12 after three quarters, the Heat trailing by 10 and frustration apparent among the players and panic setting in among the fans.

Nothing to worry about. Not with James playing like this.

He finished 11 of 26, even making a steal after his basket had given Miami a 101-100 edge in the OT.

Somewhere in there, early in the fourth quarter, James lost his familiar headband. He couldn't remember exactly when or how. Nor was it particularly important to him.

Losing the game would have been far worse.

"I guess the headband was the least of my worries at that point," James said.

Before that, he had been 12 minutes from hearing the familiar criticisms about not being able to get it done, from having to watch a team celebrate on his home floor again.

Then he changed the game and erased that story.

The Heat, who haven't lost consecutive games since Jan. 8 and 10, had too much defense and way too much James for the Spurs in the final 17 minutes. They are trying to become fourth team to win the final two games at home

since the NBA went to the 2-3-2 format for the finals in 1985.

James came in averaging 31.5 points in elimination games, highest in NBA history, according to a stat provided through the NBA by the Elias Sports Bureau.

This wasn't quite the 45-point performance in Game 6 of last year's Eastern Conference finals in Boston, but given the higher stakes may go down as more important—if the Heat follow it with another victory Thursday.

The Heat were in the same place as they were in 2011 at the end of their Big Three's first season together, coming home from Texas facing a 3-2 deficit in the finals.

This is a different team. And oh, what a different James.

"He just plays with great force," Allen said.

The Heat said they welcomed this challenge, a chance to show they how much mentally tougher they were than the team the Dallas Mavericks easily handled in Game 6 that night.

James made sure they did, looking nothing like the player who was so bad in the fourth quarters during that series.

He was simply unstoppable down the stretch of this one.

"He just made plays. I don't think there's any two ways to put it," Duncan said. "We were in the right position to close it out and he found a way to put his team over the top and we just didn't make enough plays to do that."

Kawhi Leonard had 22 points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs. Tony Parker had 19 points and eight assists, but shot just 6 of 23 from the field.

The Spurs had one final chance down 103-100, but Chris Bosh blocked Danny Green's 3-pointer from the corner as time expired.

Bosh had said Green wouldn't get open the way he has all series—and he didn't.

Green finished 1 of 5 from behind the arc after going 25 of 38 on 3-pointers (65.8 percent) in the first five games.

The Heat, the NBA's 66-win powerhouse during the regular season, will be playing a seventh game for the second straight round, having needed to go the distance to beat the Indiana Pacers in the East finals.

"See you in Game 7!" the public address announcer hollered as some Heat fans tossed their white T-shirts—the ones that hang on chairs in the arena. These read "First to 16 Wins," meaning the number of victories it takes to win the championship.

The race will go down to a final day.

The Heat are 13-0 after losses over

the last five months, though this was nothing like the previous 12 that had come by an average of nearly 20 points. Nor was it like the previous four games of this series, which had all been blow-outs after the Spurs pulled out a four-point victory in Game 1.

San Antonio had an 11-0 run in the first half, then a 13-3 burst in the third quarter for a 71-58 lead, and a final flurry late in regulation that seemed to have them ready to walk off with another title.

Parker's 3-pointer over James tied it at 89 with 1:27 left. He then came up with a steal, spinning into the lane for a 91-89 lead with 58 seconds to go. Miami coughed it up again and Ginobili made two free throws, and he hit another after a third straight Miami turnover to put the Spurs ahead 94-89.

But James nailed a 3-pointer with 20 seconds left, and the Heat had one more chance after Leonard made just one foul shot to give the Spurs a 95-92 edge. James missed but Bosh got the rebound out to Allen, the league's career leader in 3-pointers, who made another one from the corner to even it up.

The Spurs went ahead by three again in overtime, but James found a cutting Allen for a basket, then scored himself to put the Heat on top. They clinched it when Bosh blocked San Antonio's final two shot attempts.

Bosh finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Mario Chalmers scored 20 points and Dwyane Wade had 14.

After shooting 60 percent in Game 5, the Spurs hadn't cooled off when they traded Texas heat for the South Florida sun, making nine of their first 12 shots to open a 20-16 lead. Duncan made all six shots in the first quarter, but consecutive 3-pointers by Shane Battier and Chalmers late in the period rallied Miami to a 27-25 advantage.

Duncan made his first eight shots, scoring 13 straight San Antonio points over nearly 8 minutes in the second quarter. Boris Diaw finally stopped that stretch with a little scoop shot in the lane and Leonard tipped in a miss with 1.3 seconds left, capping the Spurs' 11-0 run to end the second quarter. It was 50-44 at the break.

With Duncan 37 and Ginobili nearly 36, the Spurs know they may never get another shot like this one.

Duncan knew how tough it would be to get back to the top six years ago, when the Spurs swept James' Cleveland Cavaliers for their most recent title.

San Antonio's leader told James afterward that the league would someday belong to him.

And on Tuesday, James refused to let it go.

## Police visit home of Patriots' Aaron Hernandez



**NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)**—State and local police spent hours at the home of New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez on Tuesday night as another group of officers searched an industrial park about a mile away where a body was discovered the day before.

Police at the scene and prosecutors would not comment on the actions while Sports Illustrated, citing an unidentified source, reported that Hernandez was not believed to be a suspect in what was being treated as a possible homicide. Police had spoken with Her-

nandez, the magazine said.

Sports Illustrated reported that the link between Hernandez and the case was a rented Chevrolet Suburban with Rhode Island plates that police had been searching for. The Sun Chronicle of Attleboro, Mass., said the SUV was registered to Enterprise and investigators wanted to analyze it for fingerprints.

The Associated Press could not independently confirm the reports.

No cause of death had been released for the body found about 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Hernandez is represented by the Ath-

letes First agency, which said it has no comment "on the Aaron Hernandez situation." The player's mother said by telephone from Connecticut on Tuesday she had no knowledge of a case involving him.

The Patriots drafted Hernandez out of Florida in 2010. Since then, he has combined with Rob Gronkowski to form one of the top tight end duos in the NFL.

On Tuesday night, some police officers stood on the front steps of Hernandez's home and others could be seen inside. Some walked around the driveway and in the garage with flashlights.

Before wrapping up their work for the night, one officer took a box out of the massive house.

"I am aware of the reports, but I do not anticipate that we will be commenting publicly during an ongoing police investigation," Patriots spokesman Stacey James said.

North Attleborough is south of Boston on the Rhode Island state line, not far from the Patriots' stadium in Foxboro.

In 38 games, the 6-foot-1, 245-pound Hernandez has 175 receptions for 1,956 yards and 18 touchdowns. He missed 10 games last season with an ankle injury and had shoulder surgery in April,

but is expected to be ready for training camp. The Patriots have not said which shoulder was operated on.

Last summer, the Patriots gave Hernandez a five-year contract. It was worth \$40 million, according to reports, and came just months after the team locked up Gronkowski, through 2019.

"Aaron's improved a lot," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said at the time. "He's worked hard, he's improved a lot in all phases of the game - the passing game, the running game, protection and his overall versatility. He's doing a good job for us."

Hernandez played in college with Tim Tebow, who was recently signed by the Patriots.



# Rays absorb doubleheader sweep by Red Sox



**B O S T O N**  
(AP)—Jonny Gomes hit a two-run homer in the

ninth inning to lift the Boston Red Sox to a 3-1 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday night, completing a doubleheader sweep.

Daniel Nava was aboard on a lead-off walk when Gomes followed with a towering shot off Joel Peralta (1-3) that cleared the Green Monster and bounced off the sign just to the right of the foul pole.

It was a dramatic ending to a very long day, which started at 1 p.m. with Boston's 5-1 win in the opener, which was delayed almost three hours by rain.

Nava also homered in the second and Felix Doubront pitched eight shutout innings for Boston in the night game. Doubront struck out six and held the Rays to three singles.

Andrew Bailey (3-0) gave up Kelly Johnson's tying homer in the ninth, but was bailed out by Gomes' fifth homer.

David Ortiz drove in three runs in the doubleheader opener, and Alfredo Aceves (4-1) pitched five solid innings for his third straight win.

The first game was marked by a rain delay in the fifth inning of 2 hours, 59 minutes, extending the makeup of an April 12 rainout.

Highly touted Rays prospect Wil Myers made his major league debut and picked up his first career hit in the second game. He went 1 for 7 on the day.

Tampa Bay's Chris Archer (1-3) was charged with four runs, three earned, and five hits in 4 2-3 innings in the first game.

## Orioles 5, Tigers 2

In Detroit, J.J. Hardy and Adam Jones homered off Justin Verlander, and Manny Machado added a double and two sparkling plays at third base for Baltimore.

Hardy hit his third homer off Verlander (8-5) this month, connecting for a two-run shot in the fourth inning, and Jones added a three-run drive in the fifth.

Orioles starter Zach Britton (1-1) allowed a run and five hits in 5 1-3 innings after being called up earlier in the day from the minors.

Four Baltimore relievers finished. Detroit put two on in the ninth for Miguel Cabrera, but the Triple Crown winner bounced into a game-ending double play on the first pitch from Jim Johnson, who got his 26th save in 30 chances.

Verlander gave up five runs and seven hits in five innings. Matt Tuasosopo homered for the Tigers.

## Mariners 3, Angels 2, 10 innings

In Anaheim, Calif., Kendrys Morales hit an RBI single in the 10th inning against his former team, leading Seattle to a victory against Los Angeles.

Charlie Furbush (1-3) faced only one batter to get the victory, striking out Josh Hamilton with runners at first and second to end the ninth. Yoervis Medina got three outs for his first save.

Kyle Seager sparked the winning rally with a two-out double in the 10th against Garrett Richards (2-4). Morales, who struck out his previous three times up, then lined a 3-2 pitch off the glove of shortstop Erick Aybar to give Seattle the lead.

It was only the third RBI for Morales in 30 at-bats against the Angels since he was traded to the Mariners in De-



Boston Red Sox's Jonny Gomes celebrates his two-RBI walk-off home run against the Tampa Bay Rays during the ninth inning of the second baseball game in a day-night doubleheader at Fenway Park in Boston, Tuesday, June 18, 2013. <sup>AP</sup>

cember for pitcher Jason Vargas.

## Athletics 6, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Brandon Moss and John Jaso homered off Yu Darvish, helping AL West-leading Oakland get the victory.

Jarrod Parker (6-6) limited the Rangers to two runs and three hits over seven innings to improve to 4-0 his last five starts.

Darvish (7-3) struck out 10, increasing his majors-best total to 137, but still hasn't won in more than a month.

Moss put the A's ahead to stay when his 13th homer led off the second. Jaso led off the next inning with his third homer and a 3-0 lead.

The Rangers got within 3-2 in the third when Ian Kinsler scored on a vicious collision at the plate, his face slamming into the mask of catcher Jaso while sliding feet-first. Kinsler needed three stitches near his left jaw and had blood on his jersey when he returned to the field to play second base.

## Indians 4, Royals 3

In Cleveland, Michael Brantley's sacrifice fly capped Cleveland's three-run eighth inning, rallying the Indians to the victory.

Held to one run and three hits over seven innings by Ervin Santana, the Indians finally strung something together in the eighth off Kelvin Herrera (3-5) and Tim Collins. Michael Bourn and Jason Kipnis delivered RBI hits before Brantley drove in Mike Aviles with the go-ahead run.

Cody Allen (2-0), whose throwing error in the eighth helped the Royals take a 3-1 lead, got the win. Vinnie Pestano gave up three singles and a walk in the ninth but held on for his second save.

The Royals lost for just the third time in 14 games and missed a chance to move over .500 for the first time since May 18.

## Twins 7, White Sox 5

In Minneapolis, Ryan Doumit hit a go-ahead double in the eighth inning, leading Minnesota to the win.

Joe Mauer homered and Trevor Plouffe had an RBI single in Minnesota's four-run first inning off Dylan Axelrod.

The White Sox came back to tie it at

5 in the eighth when Alex Rios worked a leadoff walk against Jared Burton (1-4), stole second and scored on Paul Konerko's single that bounced off the pitcher's mound and into center field.

Clete Thomas walked with two outs against Ramon Troncoso (0-2) in the eighth. Mauer followed with a single—his third hit of the game—and Doumit drove a double to left center that gave the Twins the lead.

Glen Perkins pitched the ninth for his 17th save.

## Blue Jays 8, Rockies 3

In Toronto, Edwin Encarnacion hit a two-run homer, J.P. Arencibia and Maicer Izturis added back-to-back shots and the Blue Jays won their seventh straight game.

It's the longest winning streak for Toronto since a 10-game run in late 2008.

Esmil Rogers (3-2) worked 6 2-3 innings to beat his former team and win his second straight start. Rogers didn't allow a hit until Jonathan Herrera singled with one out in the sixth.

The Rockies lost for the fifth time in seven games and dropped to 0-8 at Rogers Centre.

Jeff Francis (2-5) allowed season highs of eight runs and 10 hits in six innings, losing for the first time in four career starts against Toronto.

## Astros 10, Brewers 1

In Houston, Matt Dominguez hit a grand slam and drove in a career-high five runs to back another solid performance by Jordan Lyles, and Houston rolled to the victory.

Carlos Pena had a three-run homer and Chris Carter had two hits and drove in a run as the Astros won for the fifth time in six games.

The 22-year-old Lyles (4-1) yielded seven hits and one run over seven innings.

The Astros were up by one in the fifth when Pena launched his home run to chase Milwaukee starter Alfredo Figaro (1-1) and extend the lead to 5-1. Dominguez's first career grand slam came in Houston's five-run seventh.

## Mets 6, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Zack Wheeler lived up

the hype in his major league debut, pitching six scoreless innings to lead the New York Mets to a victory over the first-place Atlanta Braves and a doubleheader sweep.

Wheeler gave up only four hits and struck out seven while consistently reaching the upper 90s on the radar gun. He struggled a bit with his control, walking five, but got out of every jam.

It was a long day that gave New York's long-suffering NL fans hope for a brighter future, led by two of baseball's most dynamic young pitchers. In Game 1 of the doubleheader, 24-year-old Matt Harvey (6-1) struck out a career-high 13 to lead the Mets past the Braves 4-3.

John Buck homered for the Mets in the first game, and Anthony Recker went deep in the second game. Bobby Parnell got four outs in the opener for his 10th save.

Recker, hitting just .158 coming into the game, broke up the scoreless duel between Wheeler and Paul Maholm (7-6) in the seventh, crushing his second homer of the season.

Atlanta rookie Alex Wood (0-1) lost his first career start in the doubleheader opener, lasting only three innings.

## Diamondbacks 3, Marlins 2

In Phoenix, Paul Goldschmidt hit a lead-off home run in the ninth inning, helping Arizona end a four-game losing streak.

Goldschmidt's drive bounced high off the batter's backdrop in deep center field. His 17th homer of the season was his second in as many nights, and the second game-ending home run of his career.

Martin Prado also homered for the Diamondbacks.

David Hernandez (3-4) threw a perfect top of the ninth for the win. Chad Qualls (2-1) lost for the first time in 27 appearances, with Goldschmidt connecting on his second pitch.

## Pirates 4, Reds 0

In Cincinnati, Pedro Alvarez singled home a pair of runs in the first inning as Pittsburgh ended Mat Latos' streak of 21 regular-season starts without a loss.

Latos (6-1) hadn't lost a regular-

season game since last August, setting a club-record streak of avoiding defeat. He couldn't overcome Pittsburgh's three-run first inning.

Charlie Morton (1-1) was better during his second start since returning from elbow surgery. He gave up three singles and threw 61 pitches in 5 1-3 innings, starting the Pirates toward their NL-leading 12th shutout.

Latos had nine of Cincinnati's 17 strikeouts, which matched the club's nine-inning record. The Reds also had 17 strikeouts on opening day, but that came in a 13-inning loss against the Los Angeles Angels.

Cincinnati's lineup managed four hits while getting shut out for the second time in their last four games.

## Giants 5, Padres 4

In San Francisco, Juan Perez hit a tiebreaking single with two outs in the eighth inning and San Francisco snapped San Diego's seven-game winning streak.

Perez's clutch swing came after pinch hitter Jesus Guzman gave San Diego a 4-3 lead with a two-run homer in the top half of the inning.

Brandon Belt finished with three hits to help the Giants move into a second-place tie with Colorado in the NL West.

Jean Machi (2-0) retired one batter for the win and Sergio Romo worked the ninth for his 17th save. Dale Thayer (0-3) took the loss.

San Francisco ace Matt Cain and Andrew Cashner each had a strong start. Cain had a season-high 10 strikeouts in seven innings and was charged with two runs. Cashner scattered 10 hits over 6 2-3 innings and allowed three runs.

## Phillies 4, Nationals 2

In Philadelphia, Cliff Lee struck out nine in eight impressive innings for Philadelphia, and Michael Young tied a career high with three doubles.

Lee (9-2) allowed two runs and five hits to win his fifth straight decision. The three-time All-Star left-hander lowered his ERA to 2.53 and helped the Phillies move into a second-place tie with the defending NL East champion Nationals.

Jayson Werth and Jeff Kobernus hit homered for Washington.

Ross Detwiler (2-5) took the loss in a game that started one hour, 10 minutes late because of rain. He allowed four runs and seven hits in six innings.

Jonathan Papelbon worked the ninth for his 14th save a night after blowing his first of the season and then getting the win.

## Cubs 4, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Ryan Sweeney and Cody Ransom hit back-to-back homers in a four-run first inning and that was plenty for Jeff Samardzija, who pitched the Cubs to the victory.

Chicago started fast against Adam Wainwright (10-4) and broke a five-game losing streak in St. Louis.

Pinch-runner Shane Robinson was called out for interference while trying to break up a double play to end the game.

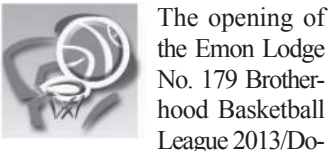
Carlos Beltran hit his team-high 17th homer for the Cardinals, who lost for the third time in five games but still lead the majors with a 45-26 record.

Samardzija (4-7) gave up two runs and seven hits in 8 1-3 innings. Kevin Gregg got David Freese to ground into a game-ending double play for his 10th save



Emon Lodge opening moved to June 30

Nadal seeded No. 5 for Wimbledon



The opening of the Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League 2013/Docomo Pacific Cup has been moved to June 30 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

League chair Bong Malasarte in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* said they decided to reschedule the kick-off from June 23 to next Sunday, as the gym will host Trech Tech's Art of War 8: Grappling and Submission Challenge this Saturday and they may run out of time getting the facility ready for the Sunday morning opening ceremony.

Malasarte added that two more teams have confirmed their participation to the open league, bringing the field to eight. Adobo, which won a championship in the DLX caging and was a runner-up in the same league that concluded another season last week, and High-Five, which won the 30A title in the Masters caging early this month, are the newest addition to the Emon Lodge caging. They will join two-time champion Mobil, Mariana Resort & Spa, KFC, Pacific Islands Club, the Ol'Aces, and Proa. Mobil won the inaugural season of the Emon Lodge league in 2010 after beating Armatech in the finals, 93-80, and then defended its title against High-Five, 83-64, when the competition returned last year after taking a break in 2011.



High-Five 5's Peter Mendiola, left, pulls up for a shot against Archers' Kae Bernardo during their game in the Emon Lodge caging last year at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

This year, Emon Lodge will be played three times a week or every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday with two matches in each playing day. The first game tips off at 6:30pm, while the second match starts at 8pm.

**Meeting tonight**  
Malasarte is calling on representatives of participating teams to attend a meeting tonight at 7pm at Kentucky Fried Chicken in Susupe.

Details about the opening and other important matters, such as

tournament ground rules, will be discussed at the meeting.

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**LONDON**(AP)—Rafael Nadal will be seeded No. 5 at Wimbledon, setting up the possibility of a quarterfinal match against Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic or Andy Murray.

The All England Club released the seedings Wednesday for this year's championships, with the top five in the ATP rankings remaining in their positions.

Djokovic is No. 1, followed by Murray, Federer, David Ferrer and Nadal.

Nadal, who was sidelined for about seven months with a left knee injury after losing in the second round at Wimbledon last year, dropped to No. 5 in the rankings after the French Open, despite beating Ferrer to win the tournament for a record eighth time.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga jumps one spot in the seedings to No. 6, with Tomas Berdych dropping a place to No. 7.

The women's seedings follow the WTA rankings, with Serena Williams at No. 1.

The tournament starts Monday. The draw will be held Friday.



U.S. tennis player, Serena Williams arrives for Burberry Prorsum show, during London Men's spring summer fashion collections 2014, in London, Tuesday, June 18, 2013.

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beginning of the end for the host team, as Maratita gave up only one hit before finishing his shift in two innings. Sho Taniguchi took over the mound and he too showed no mercy to Tinian batters, as the McDonald's pitcher also got three strikeouts and a no-hitter in the remaining two innings.

Tinian had two chances to avoid a shutout loss, but left runners stranded at the bottom of the second and fourth inning.

Third batter Sylvestre Palacios walked and later advanced to second on a Donavin Ada's error with two outs, but the former was stuck there after Rudy Sablan went down on a 4-3 putout play for the last out.

Then in the fourth inning, Tinian had runners on first and third with two outs, but failed to break into the scoreboard anew, as Saipan second baseman Dennis Cabrera caught a fly ball from Palacios to end the one-sided match.

Saipan had the game in the bag right after the second inning when it built an 8-0 lead

that was sparked by a two-run homer each from Ada and Shakobe Rangamar. Ada went on to hit another two-run homer at the top of the fourth, while Jose Camacho also earned a two-run homer in the third, as Saipan batters were clearly on target, forcing Tinian to use three different pitchers in a futile attempt to neutralize the visitors.

Ada was perfect at the plate, going 4-for-4. He also scored four runs and four RBIs. Kimo Angailen and Luis Blas went 3-for-4 and 2-for-4, respectively and combined for eight runs, while Rangamar got five RBIs

and two runs on a 2-for-4 performance at bat.

In Game 1, Tinian managed to keep up with Saipan in the first two innings before things fell apart for the host at the top of the third inning.

Saipan was only ahead by one, 1-0, after two innings off an unearned run from Ada at the top of the first. Tinian pitcher Adrien Cruz struck out five Saipan batters in the first two innings and gave up only two hits and one walk to keep the host float. However, Rangamar anchored a Saipan breakaway at the top of the third with a two-

run triple, while Angailen made a two-run homer on his second at bat in the inning to lift the visiting team to an 11-0 advantage.

Angailen's second run in third was Saipan's last in the inning, as Cruz finally stopped the bleeding for Tinian, as he struck out Rangamar before returning to the bench for relief pitcher Gregory Santos. Santos got the third out, as he also struck out Leonard Salalila.

However, Santos' presence on the mound was not enough to prevent Saipan from walking away with the easy win, as the visitors added six more runs in the fourth with Ada scoring one of them

off a homer. Ada also got the job done on defense, as he struck out three Tinian batters at the bottom of the fourth to move Saipan one win away from securing a spot in the regionals.

Meanwhile, acting CNMI District Administrator James Ada would like to thank the winning team, Tinian, competition organizers and volunteers, and Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz for ensuring the success of the weekend tournament, which also featured a Big League qualifier. Results of the Big League matches between Saipan and Tinian will be published in *Saipan Tribune's* Friday edition.

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in the first semis game last Saturday, 19-21, 21-16, 21-15, while Farro swept Rowena Sison in the other Final Four pairing, 21-11, 21-19. Farro and Francisco duel for the championship on Saturday.

Joining them in the finals were Janelle Pangilinan, Hannah Choi, Jen Savellano,

Panapa Peteru, and Almond Edralin.

Pangilinan bagged the first finals seat in the women's singles B after dominating Cris Obaldo last Sunday, 21-12, 21-12. Pangilinan's foe this Saturday will be the winner of Friday's semis tiff between Toshiko Obata and Loyda Ito.

In the women's singles A, Choi earned her third straight finals appearance after sweeping Savellano, 21-7, 21-12, and

Malou Malasarte, 21-8, 21-6, in pool play. Savellano nailed the second finals ticket after prevailing over Malasarte, 21-12, 21-12.

In the men's singles C division, Peteru and Edralin will fight for the championship after winning their separate semis matches over the weekend. Edralin took the short route to the finals after beating Kevin Park in only two games, 21-19, 21-18, while Peteru went the distance

to advance to the title match. Peteru won the first game, 21-11, but missed a sweep when A.J. Ortega recovered with a 21-17 win in the second game. Peteru went on to spoil Ortega's upset bid with a 21-18 victory in the deciding game.

Meanwhile, playoff qualifiers and finalist of other singles divisions and doubles contests will be decided once the Thursday and Friday make-up games are completed.

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MLB STANDINGS					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
AMERICAN LEAGUE					East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Boston	44	29	.603	—	Atlanta	42	30	.583	—
Baltimore	41	31	.569	2 1/2	Philadelphia	35	37	.486	7
New York	38	31	.551	4	Washington	34	36	.486	7
Tampa Bay	36	35	.507	7	New York	27	40	.403	12 1/2
Toronto	34	36	.486	8 1/2	Miami	22	48	.314	19
Central Division					Central Division				
Detroit	39	30	.565	—	St. Louis	45	26	.634	—
Cleveland	35	35	.500	4 1/2	Cincinnati	43	29	.597	2 1/2
Kansas City	34	35	.493	5	Pittsburgh	42	29	.592	3
Minnesota	31	36	.463	7	Chicago	29	40	.420	15
Chicago	29	39	.426	9 1/2	Milwaukee	28	41	.406	16
West Division					West Division				
Oakland	43	30	.589	—	Arizona	38	33	.535	—
Texas	39	32	.549	3	San Francisco	36	34	.514	1 1/2
Seattle	32	40	.444	10 1/2	Colorado	37	35	.514	1 1/2
Los Angeles	31	40	.437	11	San Diego	36	35	.507	2
Houston	27	45	.375	15 1/2	Los Angeles	29	39	.426	7 1/2

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year's Art of War 7 after beating Vince "The Clinch" Masga and Scotty Eclavea, respectively.

In the welterweight (161 to 180 lbs), it will be an open race

among Rino Reyes, L.J. George, Danny Cruz, Jose Quan, Sean Dela Cruz, Ricky Rout, and Kimo Lizama, as defending champion Fasi "Quick Draw" Jesse has yet to register for the weekend event.

In the heavyweight class (over 201 lbs), Kelvin Fitial is back

to defend the title he won over Myro Lassiter last year. Lassiter is also competing this weekend, along with Jack Kiyoshi, Dion Mesta, Joe Mafnas, Josh Castro, Norbert Rios, Jun Borja Sablan, Will Torres, Sean Marciano, Brian Davis, and Tiger Lee.

Rounding out the participants

in Art of War 8 are middleweight class' (181 to 200 lbs) Milau Pua, Will Torres, Ning Cepeda, Pat Alepuyo, Daniel Olivia, and Ferrid Khedder.

Meanwhile, fighters who are still interested in competing this weekend can call Cuki Alvarez at 483-4662 for more information.



# 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships

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Vincent Tudela hits a low return during his boys U12 singles match against Ken Song in last week's 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.



Above, Guam's Kanasta Abrams stretches at the baseline during her U15 singles match against Palau's Ayana Rengiil at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis court.



Catherine Atalig makes a return from the sideline against Conatsu Kaga in their U12 singles game.



Robbie Schorr serves to Michael Ren during their boys U12 finals game.



Tony Kim gets ready to serve against Guam's Kyle Ehrenreich in their U12 match at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.



Tania Tan makes a backhand return to Carol Lee during the girls U12 title match.



Palau's Ayana Rengiil goes for a power return to Guam's Kanasta Abrams at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis court.



Conatsu Kaga has all eyes on the ball during her U12 singles game versus Catherine Atalig.



Michael Ren goes for a shot near the net against Robbie Schorr during their boys U12 finals game.



Carol Lee in action from the baseline during her girls U12 title match against Tania Tan.





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Sho Taniguchi, seen here getting ready at bat, played for the Saipan Major All-Stars which swept Tinian in the 17th Annual CNMI District Baseball Tournament held over the weekend on Tinian.

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Saipan's Major All-Stars cruised their way to the 2013 Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament trip after winning the 17th Annual CNMI District Baseball Tournament held over the weekend on Tinian.

Saipan recorded similar shutout wins over the host to earn the right to represent the Commonwealth in the ASPAC, which has added the Middle East region that disbanded from Africa's zone and will take place in Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga in the Philippines from June 29 to July 9.



The Saipan Major All Stars notched an 18-0 win over Tinian in the second game for a fitting follow-up to their 17-0 victory in the first game.

Pedro Maratita struck out Tinian's first three batters at the bottom of the first inning of Game 2 and that signaled the

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## Over 70 fighters in Art of War 8

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### TRENCH TECH

More than 70 MMA fighters have registered for Art of War 8: Grappling and Submission Challenge and organizer Trench Tech is still accepting competitors for this Saturday's event that will be held at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Trench Tech's Cuki Alvarez, in an email to *Saipan Tribune*, said seven divisions will be contested and interested fighters have until this Friday to sign up, while weigh-in will begin at 8am and the competition will start at 9am.

Of the seven weight classes and 74 fighters, the flyweight



Trench Tech's Shane "Pika-Boo" Alvarez, top, holds down Scotty Eclavea in their featherweight gold medal bout during last year's Art Of War 7 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

division (100 to 130 lbs) so far has lured the most entries with 15. The list includes A.J. Aldan, Frankie Santos, Benedict and Benjie Estoique, Joe Seo, Jared Santos Eden Love, Elijah Je-

rome, Jordan Manglona, Keoni Tudela, Wrenzo Attao, Allan Aguon, Alberto Roberto, and Sparks Martinez.

Seven Guam bets headline the bantamweight class (131

to 140 lbs) as Josh Cruz, Josh Duenas, Ricky Camp, Roman Alvarez, Gordon Salas, Byron Fujihira, and Kenji Okiyama go up against Sapan's Jasp Van Der Maas and Mark Nuique.

Severalbantamweightfighters are also competing in the featherweight (141 to 150 lbs) with Nuique, Van Der Maas, Camp, and Roman Alvarez challenging Regino Mundo, Rob Alvarez, Pinching Rangamar, Alverick Alvarez, Shane Aguon, Franklin Agulto, Vince Torres, Philip George, and Gary Gatwald.

In the lightweight (151 to 160 lbs), Trench Tech's Shane "Pika-Boo" Alvarez aims to defend his title against Camp, Van Der Maas, Gatwald, JoeRay Manglona, Robert and Roman Alvarez, Nate Cabrera, Ronnel Lamsang, and Chris Layuug. Shane Alvarez took the gold medal in the lightweight and featherweight competitions in last

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## 7 clinch finals berth in IT&E tourney



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Seven players secured finals ticket in the singles



TSL Sports Complex. In the women's singles C, Havikka Farro and Dianne Francisco notched the two finals berths after earning contrasting wins in the semifinals. Francisco needed three games to eliminate Nicole Malasarte

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